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歪んだ月が空に浮かぶ碧王星。

第一次移民と第二次移民との間で戦争が続くなか、新兵のマナ・オーダは特別転送隊に配属される。妊娠している彼女だけが、"戦える"現地生物ニーバス・その体組織を自らの子宮に移植し、転送能力を身につける女だけの特殊部隊――

何も知らされず、マナは運命の荒波に飲み込まれていく。

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CHAPTER 1 ENLISTMENT

MY LOVE,

SUCK

SUCK

FOR WHEN THE MOONLIGHT SHINES, I WILL COME BY YOUR SIDE.

PLEASE WAIT, MY LOVE.

I PROMISE TO COME BY YOUR SIDE.

I PROMISE TO COME BY YOUR SIDE...

WHAT'S WRONG? THE MOON WILL SET SOON.

HOW MANY MORE MINUTES?

3, SIR.

WHY HAVEN'T THEY APPEARED YET?

"CONTR-OLLER!"

TELL SGT. ARMEA TO SEND BACK THE TRANSFER SQUAD AT LEAST!

JUST CONVEY THE ORDER!

BESIDES, THE SERGEANT WOULDN'T COME BACK EMPTY-HANDED.

IT'S A "FIESTA" ON THE OTHER SIDE RIGHT NOW. I'M NOT GOING TO GIVE THEM ANOTHER PROBLEM TO WORRY ABOUT WITH AN UNNECESSARY REQUEST.

SSH! THEY'RE COMING.

DO YOU REALIZE JUST HOW VALUABLE EVEN A SINGLE TRANSFER SOLDIER IS-

NO, THAT'S INSIDE A ROCK.

SUPPORT SQUAD, GET READY.

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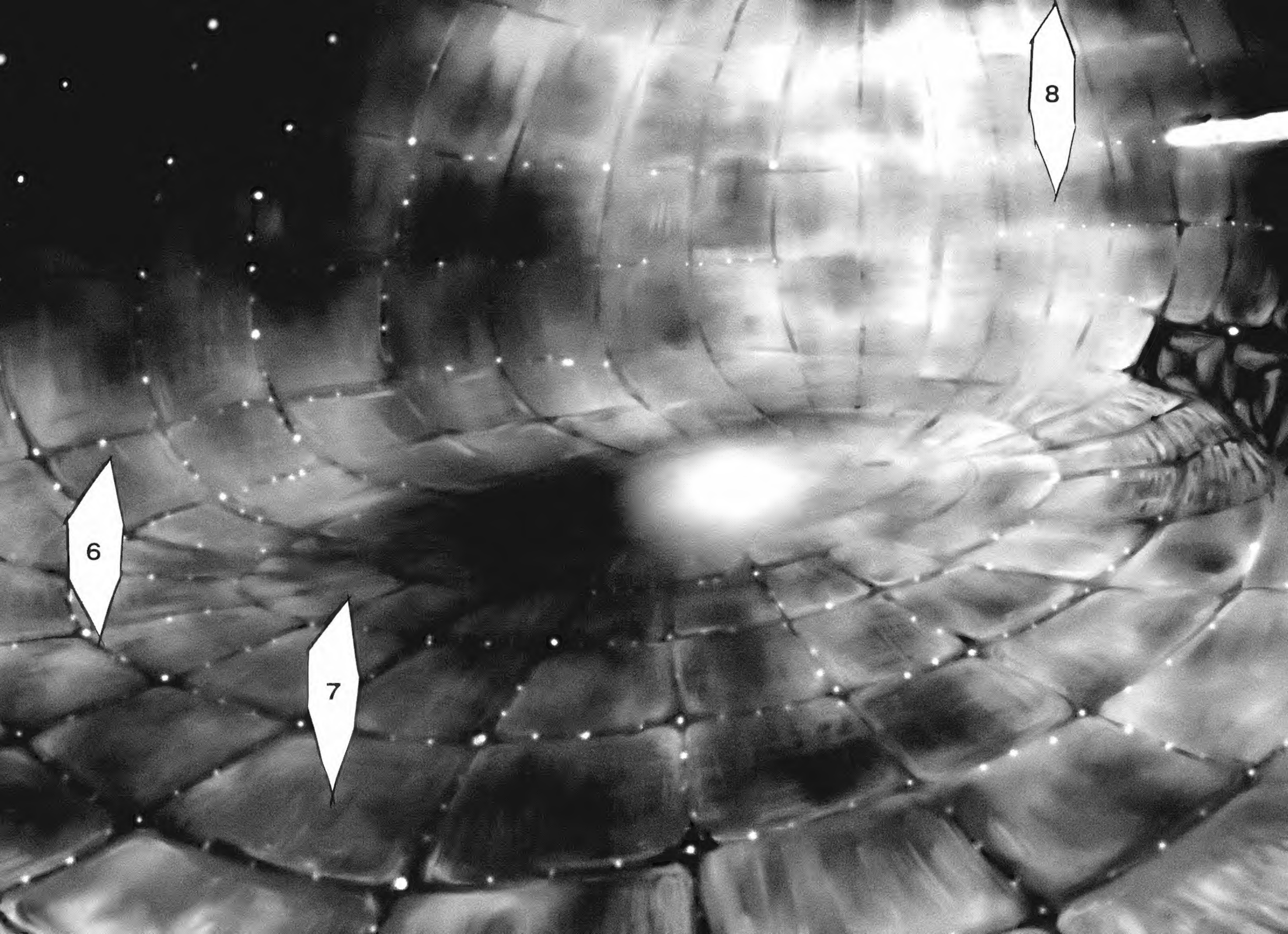
YES, RIGHT THERE...

ALERT

10 SECONDS LEFT!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AHH

WE'RE BACK!

W-WE DID IT...

BACTERICIDAL IRRADIATION COMPLETE.

ALRIGHT, CLEAR THE GAS.

SEE?

2ND SURVEILLANCE COMPANY RESCUE OPERATION FROM THE MIZUMA FRONTIER IS A SUCCESS.

THIS WAY, SGT. ARMEA-

I'M FINE.

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LET'S MOVE!

HURRY!

OVER HERE

SHE'S BLEEDING BADLY.

HELP CARRY OUT CORPORAL KINEN ON THE RIGHT WING!

DON'T BE STUPID

SO BACK AND TRANSFER THEM OUTTA THERE!

YOU ABANDONED THE 3RD PLATOON TO THEIR DEATHS!

!

LET US THROUGH!

DID YOU SO BADLY WANT US ALL TO GET WIPED OUT!?

WE'RE BACK AT THE BASE! YOU'VE DONE WELL.

ARMEA!

WHERE... ARE WE...?

DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM!?

SARGE...

THANKS.

CLEAR THE WAY!

LEAVE THE REST TO US!

HEY!

THE MOON'S ALREADY SET...

LISTEN WHEN OTHERS ARE TAL-

WE CAN'T FLY BACK ANYMORE.

SOUTHERN VIRGIN FOREST
BASE OF THE HAST
NATIONAL ARMED FORCES

"SECONDS. SHORT FOR SECOND IMMIGRANTS

THOUGH OTHER NATIONS HAVE LONG FALLEN,

OUR PROUD NATION ALONE HAS RESISTED THEIR TYRANNY AND KEPT UP THE STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE.

IT HAS NEARLY BEEN 20 YEARS SINCE OUR NATION OF HAST WAS ATTACKED BY THE DESPICABLE SECONDS.

COUNT YOURSELVES FORTUNATE THEN, FOR IT WAS A MOST DISHONOURABLE AND COWARDLY ATTACK THAT CAME WITHOUT WARNING NOR A DECLARATION OF WAR.

I SEE THAT MANY OF YOU STANDING HERE TODAY WERE NOT EVEN BORN AT THE TIME OF THEIR SURPRISE ATTACK...

YES,

A DAY WHICH WOULD LIVE IN INFAMY...

"SELECTIVE HUMAN SUPPRESION" MACHINES AND OTHER DECEPTIVE WEAPONS OF MASS SLAUGHTER,

WERE UNLEASHED TO OUR PUBLIC AT LARGE.

TO THIS DAY, THEY STILL REFUSE TO RECOGNIZE THOSE ATROCITIES.

IT IS WE WHO UNDENIABLY HOLD THE LEGITIMATE CLAIM TO RULE PLANET HEKIOU.

LONG AGO, IT WAS OUR ANCESTORS WHO ARRIVED ON THIS PLANET AFTER MUCH WANDERING.

ON TOP OF THAT, THE SHAMELESS SECONDS TRIED TO REPRESENT **THEMSELVES** AS THE LEGITIMATE COLONIZERS AND **US** AS THIEVES!

THE FRUITS OF OUR ANCESTORS' LABOUR IN SHAPING THIS PLANET SUITABLE FOR HUMAN HABITATION HAS UNJUSTLY BEEN TAKEN AWAY.

AND YET, THE SECONDS STILL TRY TO TAKE THE WHOLE PLANET FOR THEIR GREEDY SELVES.

IN OTHER WORDS...

OUR FUTURE.

YET,

THERE IS ONE THING THE SECONDS CAN NEVER STEAL:

YOU.

WELCOME TO THE SPECIAL TRANSFER CORPS!

Salute!

FIRST SPECIAL TRANSFER CORPS
COMMANDING OFFICER,
LIEUTENANT COLONEL SAWARA

SHE'S A TRANSFER SOLDIER ON ACTIVE-DUTY.

JUST LAST NIGHT, SHE SUCCESSFULY RESCUED A COMPANY OUT ON THE FRONT.

THIS IS SPECIALIST SERGEANT FIRST-CLASS ARMEA.

FORGIVE ME FOR ARRIVING LATE.

Active-duty!?

THE DOCTOR WAS RELUCTANT TO LET ME GO.

THAT'S ONLY NATURAL.

A SUPERIOR OFFICER IS NOT FOR GAWKING AT!

TEN-HUT!

!

AND WHY WERE YOU STARING?

OGA.

MANA OGA!

FORGIVE ME, SIR! I DID STARE!

YOUR NAME!?

AND YOU?

YOU!?

NO, SIR!

YOU!?

NO, SIR!

YOU WERE STARING AT ME, WEREN'T YOU?

NO, SERGEANT! I DID NOT!

SO I WAS WONDERING WHETHER OR NOT YOU WERE CARRYING, SERGEANT!

WHEN I HEARD YOU WERE ON ACTIVE-DUTY,

I NOTICED YOU DIDN'T LOOK SO DIFFERENT,

BUT IT'S A STUPID QUESTION!

GOOD, I LIKE HONESTY.

HMPH.

SO OF COURSE I'M CARRYING!

I'M A TRANSFER SOLDIER.

IT'S BEEN 8 WEEKS AND 1 DAY.

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IT'S TIME FOR YOUR EXERCISE, SIR

RIGHT, I'LL EXPLAIN THAT TO YOU NEW RECRUITS IN DUE TIME

YOU MEAN BEAM SELLS TALENTS

EVERY-THING!

BUT UNTIL THAT TIME COMES, YOU ARE TO GIVE YOUR ALL TO THE TRANSFER CORPS.

BECAUSE...

YOU ARE NOT MERE DONORS OFFERING YOUR WOMBS!

FULL-FLEDGED SOLDIERS!

SKY-SOARING SOLDIERS!

YOU ARE UNDENIABLY,

NEVER FORGET THAT.

LARO, ARE YOU DOING WELL? I JUST HAD MY ENLISTMENT CEREMONY TODAY.

THE HARD GRAPES SHOULD HAVE RIPENED BY NOW.

I GUESS IT'S ALREADY BEEN 2 WEEKS SINCE I RECEIVED THE DRAFT NOTICE.

KNOCK KNOCK

MAYBE YOU'RE STILL MAD AT ME...

BUT THEN AGAIN,

MOTHER'S BEEN LYING ON HER BED EVER SINCE,

AND SINCE MY BROTHER IS STILL TOO YOUNG, IT WOULD MEAN A LOT IF YOU COULD HELP HER.

LARO_

DO YOU HAVE A MOMENT?

!

LET'S RUN AWAY.

WHAT?

MANA.

EVEN IN SPITE OF THE UNIVERSAL CONSCRIPTION FOR BOTH GENDERS, WOMEN ARE RARELY DRAFTED.

BUT IF THEY ARE DRAFTED, ONE IN TWO ARE BOUND TO BECOME TRANSFER SOLDIERS.

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YOU'RE BOUND TO BE ENLISTED FOR THE TRANSFER CORPS.

WHAT'RE YOU SAYING?

BUT WE STILL DON'T KNOW THAT FOR S-

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I CAN'T ACCEPT THIS!

DON'T BE STUPID!

IF WE'RE FOUND OUT, THEN IT'S OFF TO THE LABOUR CAMPS! EVEN OUR BABY WOULD BE TAKEN AWAY.

IF YOU BECOME PREGNANT NOW...

IT'S NOT FOR A MONSTER'S BABY!

YOUR WOMB IS FOR OUR CHILD ALONE.

IT'S NOT A MONSTER,

NOR A BABY.

WE LEARNED ALL THIS, DID YOU FORGET?

THE LORD OF THE FORESTS.

IT'S SIMPLY THE BODY TISSUE OF NIEBASS,

AND ONLY FEMALES...

ONLY PREGNANT NIEBASS FEMALES,

HAVE THE ABILITY TO "FLY"...

...TOMORROW, SAME TIME AS NOW,

I'LL BE WAITING.

COME TO THE TRAIL THAT LEADS TO THE SEA.

BUT,

AND I WAS SAD TO SEE YOU ABSENT FROM THE SEND-OFF BANQUET.

I DIDN'T GO THAT NIGHT.

AT THAT TIME, I PROMISE TO...

AND THIS WAR ENDS WITH THE SECONDS LEAVING OUR HOMELANDS,

ONCE MY TOUR OF DUTY IS COMPLETE,

WAKE UP!

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ANYONE WHO'S LATE WILL BE ON MOPPING-DUTY!

SO HURRY UP!

THE MOON IS OUT!

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SS!

WHICH GROUPS ARE DOING THE MOPPING?

BEATS ME...

KICK HER OUTTA BED THEN!

THIS IDIOT WON'T WAKE UP!

MNN

I DIDN'T END UP SENDING THE LETTER.

AFTER RIPPING UP THAT LETTER,

I DIDN'T HAVE ANY TIME TO WRITE LETTERS FOR SOME TIME AFTER.

JUST WHEN I FINISHED WRITING, I RECALLED THAT LETTERS MUST FIRST GO THROUGH CENSORSHIP.

I ALMOST HAD THE POLICE GO AFTER LARO BY MISTAKE...

CHAPTER 2 START OF TRAINING [-3 WEEKS]

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PADDLE-CRAB INSIDE MY WOMB!

PADDLE-CRAB INSIDE MY WOMB!

ZZZZZ

ZZZZZ

CAN'T STOP CRAVING EATING FISH!

CAN'T STOP CRAVING EATING FISH!

3

CHOMP, CHOMP!

CHOMP, CHOMP!

MEGARA-MLUSHI IN MY WOMB!

MEGARA-MLUSHI IN MY WOMB!

MUNCH! MUNCH!

MUNCH! MUNCH!

SO BRING ME SOME SALTED RAT!

SO BRING ME SOME SALTED RAT!

I FEEL LIKE THROWING UP...

3, 4!

I FEEL LIKE THROWING UP...

1, 2!

BONES ARE GOOD FOR CALCIUM!

HAH!

HAH!

HAH!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, OGA!?

THIS IS THE CITIZENS' DRILL #4!

HAVE YOU BEEN SKIPPING PRACTICE!?

Was it this?

HAH!

DON'T ADD IN ANY WEIRD KICKS!

I DON'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT YOUR EXCUSES! JUST LEARN THE FORM FROM THOSE NEXT TO YOU TH-

SORRY, SIR! WORKHANDS HAVE BEEN SHORT ON THE FIELDS AS OF LATE AND I'VE HAD TO TAKE CARE OF MY YOUNGER BRO-

GOOD, THAT'S THE BASIC POSTURE.

LOWER YOUR HIPS!

THIS EXERCISE IS TOO MILD, SIR!

THIS IS DRILL #4, NOT KUNG FU!

FIRST IS FOSTERING A SENSE OF STABILITY!

DRILL #4 HAS EVERYTHING ESSENTIAL FOR A TRANSFER SOLDIER.

NEXT IS PROTECTING YOUR WOMB!

ALWAYS PROTECT YOUR WOMB!

PLANT YOUR ROOTS DEEP INTO THE GROUND!

DON'T LET YOURSELF FALL NO MATTER WHAT!

LOSE YOUR WOMBS, AND THERE IS NO TRANSFER CORPS!

ONLY DEATH WILL AWAIT YOU THEN!

DON'T EVEN **THINK** ABOUT PROTECTING YOUR FUGLY MUGS!

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OGA! SHEDD!

YOU TWO WILL BE GIVING ME EXTRA SIT-UPS FOR ARGUING BACK AT ME!

SIR, YES, SIR!

SIR, YES, SIR!

STRIKE WITH YOUR WHOLE BODY BEHIND!

GOOD LUCK!

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HUFF

HUFF

WHAT'S WRONG, OGA!? THE MOON'S SETTING ALREADY!

SIR, YES, SIR!

GOOD! HEAD TO THE SHOOTING RANGE, SHEDD!

DESPITE BEING BLESSED WITH A HEALTHY BODY!?

ARE YOU THE KIND OF COWARD WHO'D LEAVE A COMRADE TO DIE,

GIVING UP!?

I WILL HELP MY COMRADES AND DEFEAT MY...

I AM... NOT A COWARD, SIR!

KEEP YOUR POSTURE!

DON'T CRUSH YOUR WOMB!

AIM STEADY!

ENEMIES!

YES, SERGEANT!

HUFF

HUFF

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SO EACH OF YOU GIVE ME 50 SIT-UPS! YOU CAN HEAD TO THE CAFETERIA AFTER THAT!

YOU'RE ALL RESPON-SIBLE FOR YOUR GROUP'S RESULT!

DIS-MISSED!

SERGEANT!

GROUP 1, YOU'RE LAST!

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TOO SLOW

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AND? WHAT DO YOU CUNTS NEED A PERIOD FOR WHILE YOU'RE HERE?

WHAT IS IT?

THIS MUCH STRENUOUS WORKOUT WILL STOP OUR PERIODS.

IT'LL LOWER THE CHANCES OF "IMPLANTATION."

IT'S NOT THE PERIOD I'M WORRIED ABOUT SPECIFICALLY, SIR,

BUT RATHER THE OVERALL MENSTRUAL CYCLE'S MAINTENANCE FROM FOLLICULAR TO LUTEAL PHASE.

THREATENING A SUPERIOR, ARE YOU NOW?

OH?

LET ME USE THIS CHANCE TO CLEAR THINGS UP.

STAND UP!

NURSING STUDENT, HUH... NO WONDER.

THREATEN? WHAT!? NO, I-

THESE AREN'T PRENATAL CLASSES YOU'RE ALL ATTENDING.

DON'T SPREAD YOUR HALF-BAKED KNOWLEDGE HERE,

LISTEN UP, CUNT!

EVER AGAIN!

THROUGH HAILS OF GUNFIRE,

TO CRAWL YOUR WAY OVER TO THE TRANSFER POINT!

WILL BE DRAGGING BODIES HEAVIER THAN THIS WEIGHT-VEST,

YOU CUNTS,

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GO TO AN OBGYN IF YOU WANT PRENATAL CARE!

GOT THAT!?

WHAT I WANT FROM MY UNIT ARE WOMEN WHO CAN ENDURE THAT HELL!

GOOD

AND BEFORE LONG, YOU'LL FONDLY LOOK BACK AT YOUR TIMES HERE.
YOU'LL BE RELOCATED TO A DIFFERENT BASE,
EITHER WAY, YOU'RE NOT GOING HOME.
WHETHER YOU DROP OUT OR YOUR PERIOD STOPS...

ONLY THEN YOU'LL REALIZE THAT YOU WERE AT LEAST TREATED LIKE HUMANS WHILE UNDER MY COMMAND HERE...

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SSH!

BULLSHIT!

INSTRU-CTOR NEARBY.

WELL, THE MEALS AT LEAST ARE GOOD IN MY OPINION.

YOU THINK SO?

TREATED LIKE HUMANS...

SO...?

DON'T YOU KNOW HOW MUCH THE PLANTING OF GRAPES, WHEAT, AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE HAVE CONTINUALLY DECREASED?

SO?

NOT THE BAD-TASTING MASS PRODUCED ARTIFICIAL KIND.

IT'S BREAD MADE FROM REAL WHEAT.

WHAT LITTLE IS STILL PRODUCED IS NEARLY ALL REQUI-STIONED BY THE STATE, TOO...

THE MOST FERTILE REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY HAVE BEEN TAKEN OVER BY THE SECONDS.

AND AFTER ALL THAT TERRA-FORMING WE DID...

TO THINK THEY WERE ALL HERE...

IT CAN'T BE HELPED.

OTHERWISE, WE'VE GOT NO RIGHT TO EAT.

IT'S UP TO US TO TAKE IT BACK.

COMBAT STAGE?

WITHIN ONLY!

HOW DOES THE FOOD TASTE, NEWBIES?

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AT EASE.

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IT'S DELICIOUS, SIR!

"WITHIN ONLY..."

WITHIN ONLY!

LOOK FORWARDS TO IT.

THE FOOD YOU GET DURING YOUR COMBAT STAGE WILL BE EVEN BETTER.

THERE WAS A DARK AGE.

ONCE...

Dr. NICOLS

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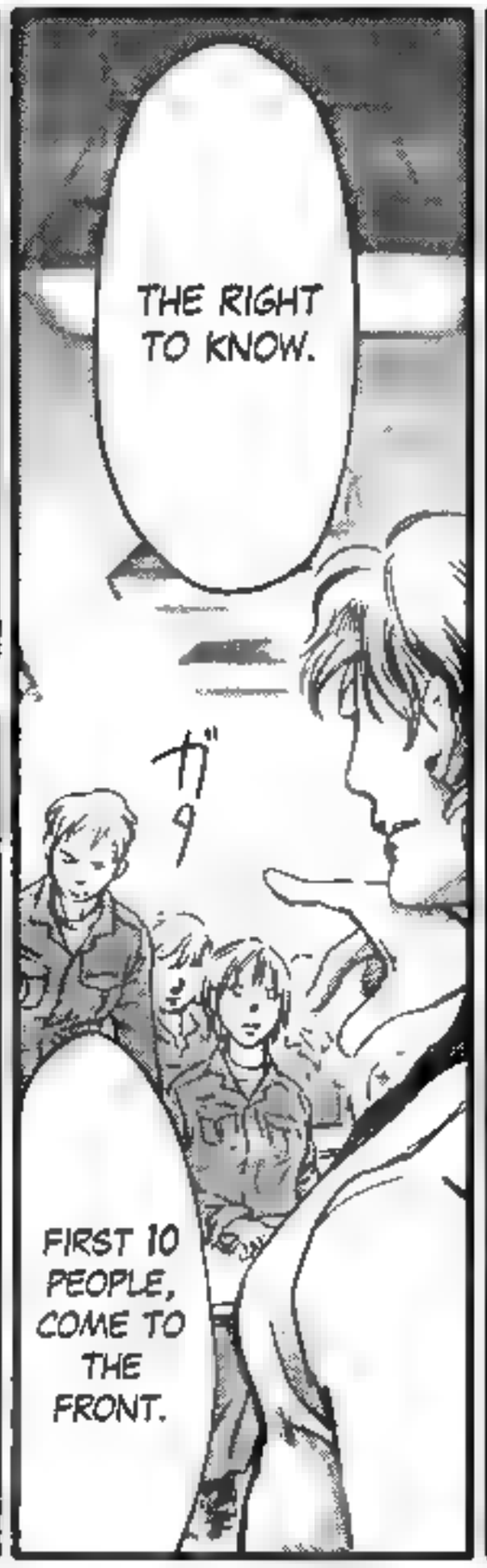
THIS DARK AGE WE REFER TO...

ONLY 10 YEARS AGO,
MOST TRANSFER SOLDIERS WERE FEMALE CONVICTS ON DEATH ROW,
AND THEIR LACK OF PROPER KNOW-LEDGE LED TO MANY TRAGED-IES...

WAS A TIME WHEN TRANSFER SOLDIERS WERE SENT TO THE BATTLEFIELDS,
WITHOUT BEING GIVEN ANY KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT WAS HAP-PENING INSIDE THEIR OWN BODIES.
SPECIAL TRANSFER CORPS
DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF
IMPLANT CULTIVATION
LT. COLONEL DR. NICHOLS


THE RIGHT TO KNOW.
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FIRST 10 PEOPLE, COME TO THE FRONT.

BUT SINCE YOU'RE ALL UPSTANDING CITIZENS, IT WOULD BE UNJUST TO SUBJECT YOU TO THE SAME TREAT-MENT.
THUS, YOU WILL BE AFFORDED YOUR DUE RIGHTS.

THESE ARE ONLY MODELS SO IT'S OKAY EVEN IF YOU DROP THEM.

13 - 16
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1 - 4
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29 - 32
25 - 28
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WHEN YOU CAN EAT GOOD FOOD!

BY COMBAT STAGE, WE MEAN-

FROM HERE TO 36 WEEKS IS THE COMBAT STAGE.

THESE FIRST TWO MODELS,

COVER THE FIRST 8 WEEKS AS IT ESTABLISHES ITSELF INSIDE THE WOMB.

ONE CANNOT "FLY" YET AT THIS STAGE.

1 - 4

NUTRITION IS VERY IMPORTANT.

E-EXCUSE ME, LT. COLONEL!

HAHA, RIGHT.

PROPER GROWTH OF THE "TRANSFER ORGAN" RELIES 100% ON WHAT YOU EAT.

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NOW...

TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT THIS GREEN CLUMP HERE.

EVEN IF YOU FEEL DISGUSTED, BURN THIS IMAGE INTO YOUR MINDS.

NOTHING MORE. NOTHING LESS.

ALL THIS ORGAN DOES IS GIVE ITS BEARER THE ABILITY TO "FLY."

ITS POWER GROWS AS IT BECOMES LARGER.

IF THIS ORGAN STILL LOOKS TO YOU SOMETHING MORE THAN "JUST AN ORGAN," I RECOMMEND YOU SEE AN OPTOMETRIST AT ONCE.

ESPECIALLY THOSE OF YOU WHO'VE BEEN INFECTED BY SECONDS' PROPAGANDA, TAKE AN EVEN CLOSER LOOK.

.....

AND THAT'S THE COMPLE-TION OF THE FIRST CYCLE!

IT CANNOT GROW ANY LARGER THAN THIS IN A HUMAN WOMB.

NOW THESE LAST 4 WEEKS ARE THE CRITICAL PERIOD.

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ANY QUES-TIONS?

TO SURGICALLY REMOVE IT.

THUS WE'LL DETER-MINE THE BEST TIME,

FOR INSTANCE,

THE CO IN CHARGE OF YOUR TRAINING...

NO, YOU CAN DEFIN-ITELY GO THROUGH MORE CYCLES.

HOWEVER, THAT'S ONLY RESERVED FOR SOLDIERS WHO SHOW EXCEPTIONAL NATURAL TALENT.

YES?

LT. COLONEL.

I THOUGHT IT WAS ONLY A ONE-TIME THING...

DOES THAT MEAN THERE'S A SECOND CYCLE AS WELL?

YOU SAID FIRST CYCLE JUST NOW...

SHE HOLDS THE RECORD FOR THE LONGEST TOTAL COMBAT STAGE SERVED FOR THE TRANSFER CORPS.

SPECIALIST SERGEANT FIRST-CLASS ARMEA.

SHE'S NOW ON HER 5TH CYCLE...

SPECIAL-IST SGT. FIRST-CLASS ARMEA REPOR-TING!

AND FURTHER EXTENDING THAT RECORD AS WE SPEAK.

THANK YOU, BUT NO THANK YOU, LT. COLONEL SAURA.

SIT DOWN.

I THOUGHT YOU'D BE COMING ABOUT NOW.

I HAVE NO PROBLEMS AS USUAL.

8 WEEKS INTO YOUR 5TH CYCLE... ISN'T IT HARD?

THE REAL PROBLEM, HOWEVER...

THE LEVEL OF RECRUITS IS DROPPING FAR TOO LOW, SIR!

BEEP

NEW RECRUITS ARE ALWAYS A PROBLEM.

YES, SIR.

BEEP

THE NEW RECRUITS?

AS IT STANDS,

FORCIBLY RECRUITING EVEN FROM THOSE WITH A HISTORY UNSUITABLE FOR SERVICE IN THE TRANSFER CORPS,

I AM, HOWEVER,

REQUESTING THAT ONLY THE TOP-PERFORMERS IN THE CITIZENS' TRAINING BE SELECTED, SIR.

I'M NOT ASKING TO RECRUIT FROM ONLY BATTLE-EXPERIENCED SOLDIERS SUCH AS WHEN A NEW FORMAL UNIT IS MADE.

YES, THAT'S WHY WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU TO TRAIN THEM,

MILDA...

WILL ONLY LEAD TO DISASTER.

YES, I KNOW.

EVEN I HAVE LIMITS!

BUT!

AND DO AS YOU'VE BEEN DOING.

JUST KEEP COOPERATING WITH THE DOCTORS,

WE CANNOT LET TIME TURN BACK.

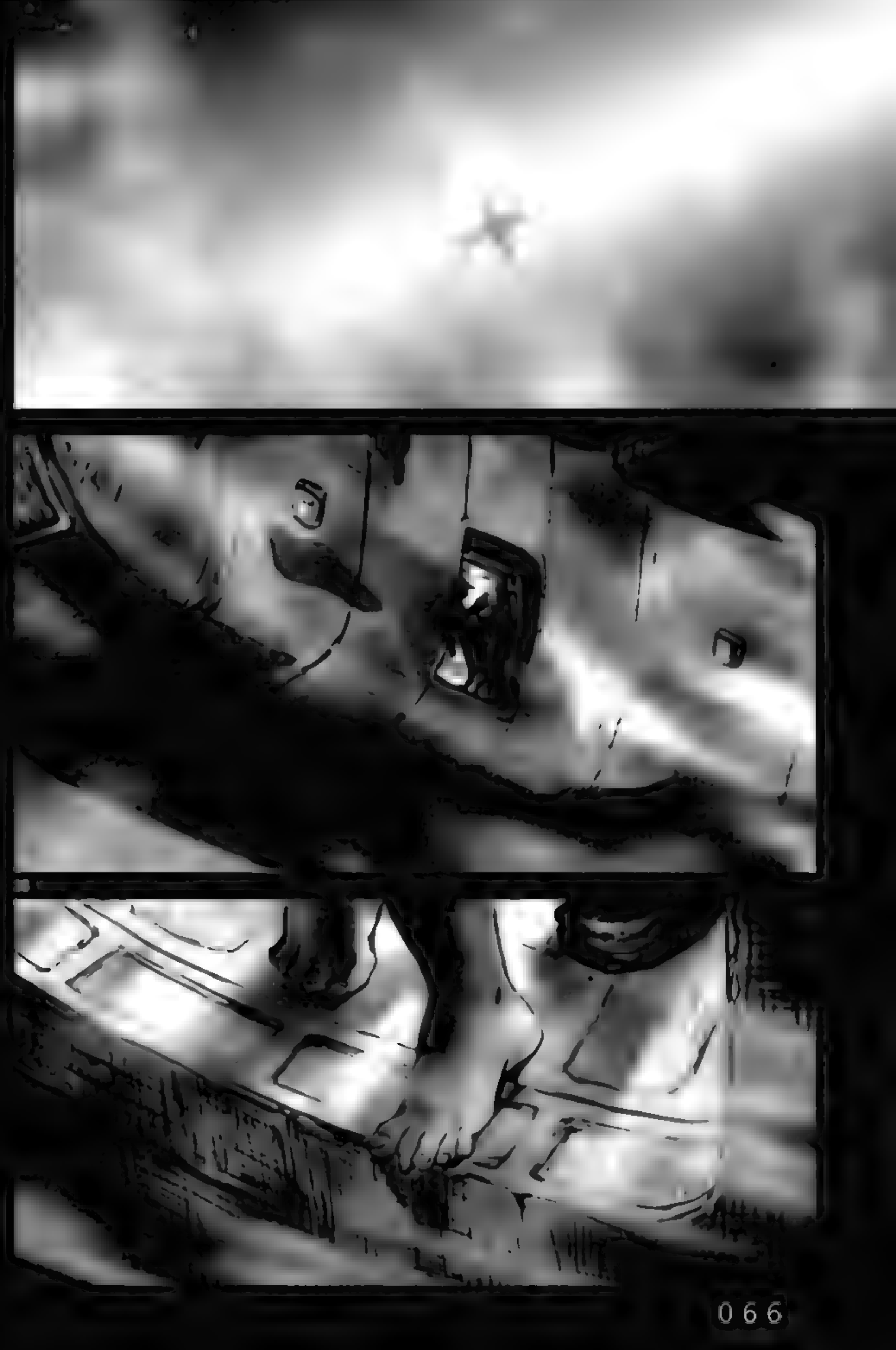
OUR BATTLE RESULTS AS WELL...

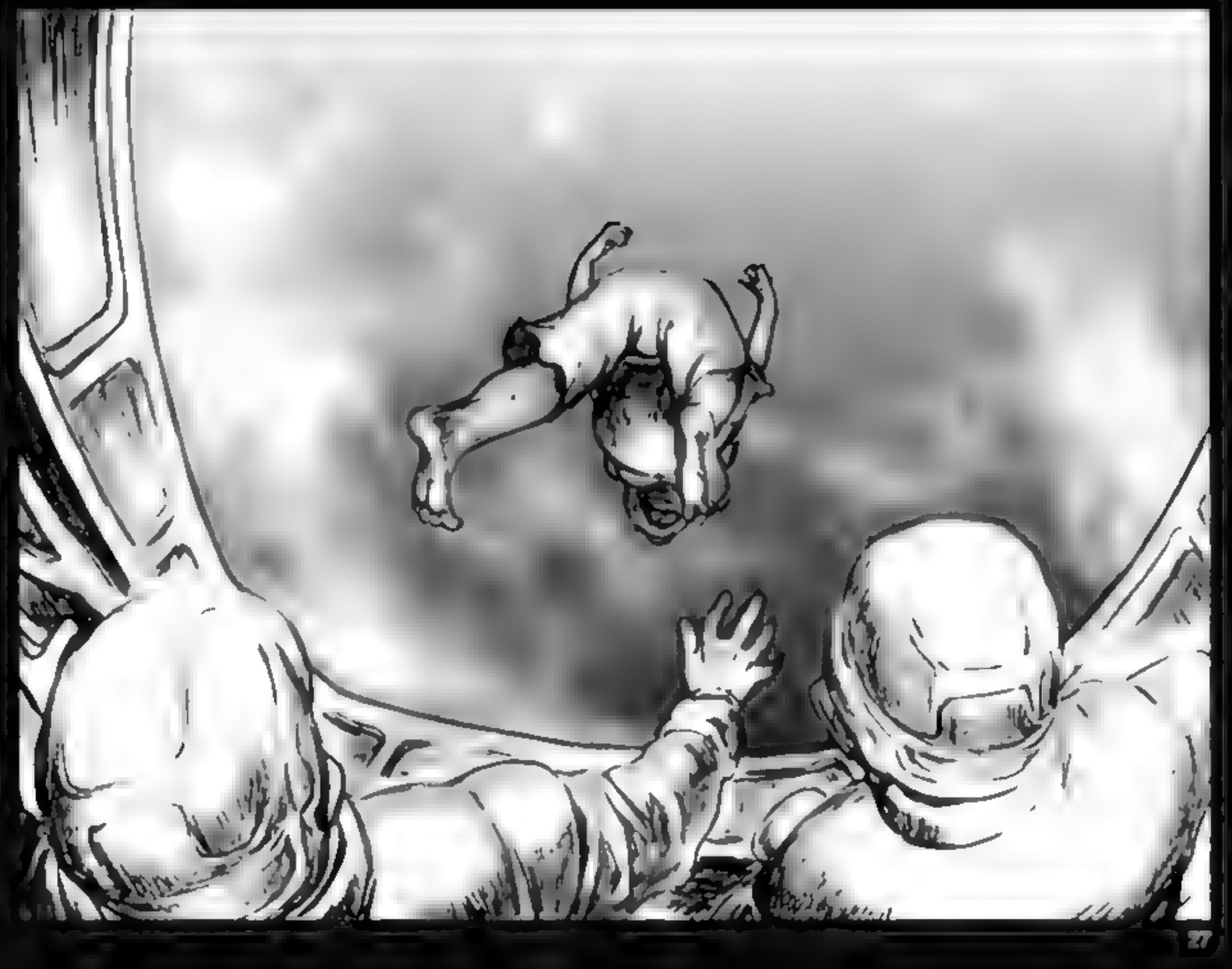
KEEP RAISING,

BEFORE THIS FLAG IS RAISED...

WE MUST...

SO THAT NONE OF US WILL EVER BE CALLED,





WAKE UP!

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1000 M ABOVE GROUND!

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WE MUST...

NEVER RETURN TO THOSE DARK TIMES.

RETURN TO BEING MERE DISPOSABLE WEAPONS...

RETURN TO BEING MERE DISPOSABLE WEAPONS...

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MOTHER.

ESPECIALLY WITH THAT BELLY OF HERS...

AHH, ALL THAT HARVESTING MUST BE STRESSFUL FOR HER...

BELLY...?

THE MILITARY DOCTOR?

DON'T WORRY.

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TIME.
ASSETS
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BECAME EVEN
TOUCHED AS
A RESULT
AT THE END
HARDLY
NOT ANY
SLEEP THAT
NIGHT

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CHAPTER 3 | NEST [-2 WEEKS]

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YOUR "ENEMY" JUST ESCAPED INTO THE VIRGIN FOREST!

CHASE IT DOWN!

WHAT'S WRONG, YOU FUCKIN' COWARDS!?

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I'LL GO WITH HER!

OH?

I'LL PRETEND I DIDN'T HEAR THAT JUST NOW.

SO GET YOUR ASS IN THERE FIRST, PRIVATE KEI SHIOTA.

MY MOM TOLD ME NEVER TO GO IN THE VIRGIN FOREST...

THIS ISN'T THE NIEBASS' TERRITORY.

DON'T WORRY.

WELL THERE AREN'T MANY BROKEN BRANCHES HERE...

AND FOR THE UNDER-GROWTH,

MADARAHIRE ARE GROWING TALL WITHOUT ANY SIGNS OF BEING EATEN...

WHY DO YOU THINK THAT, PRIVATE MANA OGA?

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BE SURE NOT TO GO OUTSIDE THE BEACON BOUNDARY!

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WAIT! DON'T LEAVE ME BEHIND ALONE!

JUST GET IN THERE ALREADY!

PRIVATE SHEDD WILL ENTER THE FOREST TOO!

THIS FOREST ISN'T THE NIEBASS' TERRITORY.

SHE'S GOT IT HALF-RIGHT.

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BUT SHE ALSO HAS IT HALF-WRONG.

HEY.

THIS PLACE IS...

SO THIS SCENT...

IT'S A BIT NOS-TALGIC FOR ME.

BUT ONLY WHEN THE HERBAL MUSHROOM AND MILK FRUITS ARE IN SEASON,

MANA, HAVE YOU EVER BEEN INSIDE A VIRGIN FOREST BEFORE?

YOU FEEL NOSTALGIA FROM THE VIRGIN FOREST?

AND ONLY WHEN THE MOON IS STILL UP MID-SKY, I'VE VENTURED THE FOREST WHILE MAKING NOISE.

A FEW TIMES.

AHH!

GIVE ME SO AS USUAL!

I SAID TO CHASE AFTER YOUR ENEMY, NOT TAKE A DAMN LEI-SURELY STROLL THROUGH THE FOREST!

NO.

DOES OGA CATCH YOUR EYE?

I'M PROBABLY MAKING TOO MUCH OF HER

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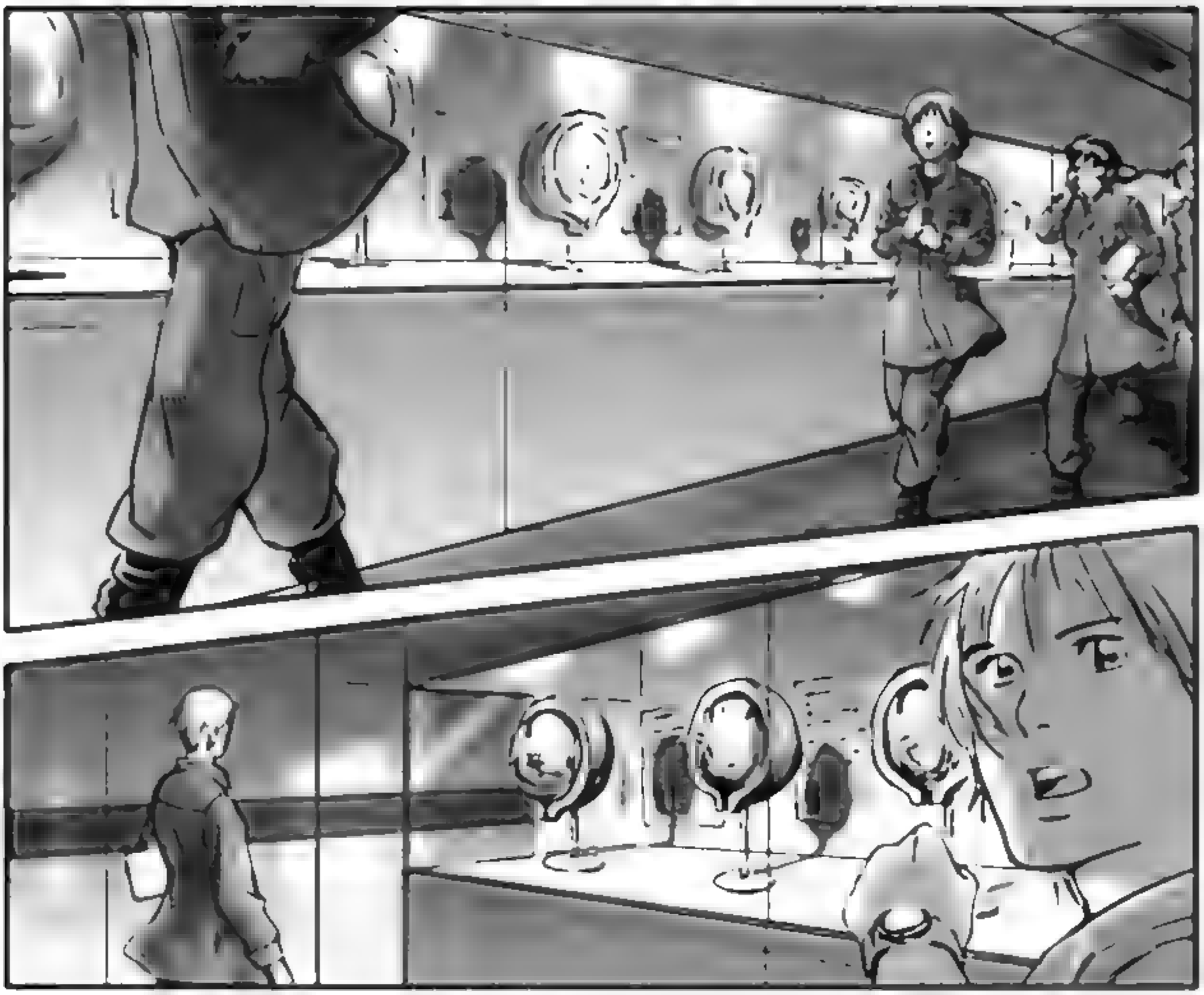

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WE'RE ALL SLOWLY BECOMING TRANSFER SOLDIERS.
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ALL THE TRAINING AND LECTURES TIRE ME OUT SO MUCH,
THAT I RARELY EVER EVEN HAVE DREAMS ANYMORE.
I'M GETTING USED TO IT.

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AH!

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OH, OTHER RECRUITS.

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OH!

HEH

THEY'RE REGULAR INFANTRY

YOU JUST LAUGHED AT US,

DIDN'T YOU, WOMBS?

HEY!

OUR USUALLY SEPARATE LUNAR CYCLE,

MUST HAVE OVERLAPPED WITH THEIR SOLAR CYCLE.

WAS NIEBASS COCK BIG ENOUGH FOR YA?

ARE YA ALREADY CARRYIN'?

HEY, STOP THAT.

WOMBS?

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SHEDD!

OH. YOU WANNA FIGHT?

WHAT THE FUCK DID YOU SAY TO ME!?

GAHH!

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SORRY ABOUT THAT.

YOU MUST HAVE BEEN DEEPLY OFFENDED.

NO OFFENSE TAKEN, SIR.

THIS GUY WAS ACTUALLY IN THE MIDDLE OF DOING EXTRA DRILLS TO FIX HIS BAD PERSONALITY.

PLEASE DON'T THINK THE OTHER SOLDIERS ARE ALL LIKE HIM.

THE HELL DID YOU THINK YOU WERE DOING?

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IF OUR UNIT GETS PLACED FARTHEST AWAY FROM A TRANSFER UNIT, IT'S GOING TO BE ALL YOUR FAULT!

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...

IS A LOT MORE FUN THAN I THOUGHT! ♡

HA, BEING A TRANSFER SOLDIER,

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THOUGH SHE DOES HAVE A FOUL MOUTH.

EVEN THOUGH YOU CUNTS ARE EVEN MORE WORTHLESS THAN MAGGOTS,

SGT. ARMEA HAS NEVER EVEN ONCE HIT ANY OF US...

IS THAT RIGHT, OGA!?

HOPEFULLY THE CONCEPT OF "TEAM PLAY" ISN'T FOREIGN TO YOUR SMALL BRAINS.

NO ONE GETS HIT HERE.

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Armea's unit and landing teams 33 to 35 are to report to the transfer chamber at once.

Nest L-DS is under attack.

AND THAT'S WHY YOU CUNTS WILL-

LIKE SPECIFIC PLAYS ONE SEES IN RACKBALL AND OTHER SPORTS.

YES, SIR! TEAM PLAY REFERS TO THE COL-LECTIVE PLAY COORDINATED BY TEAM MEMBERS,

TEAM PLAY IS ALSO CRUCIAL IN THE TRANSFER CORPS.

THAT'S RIGHT.

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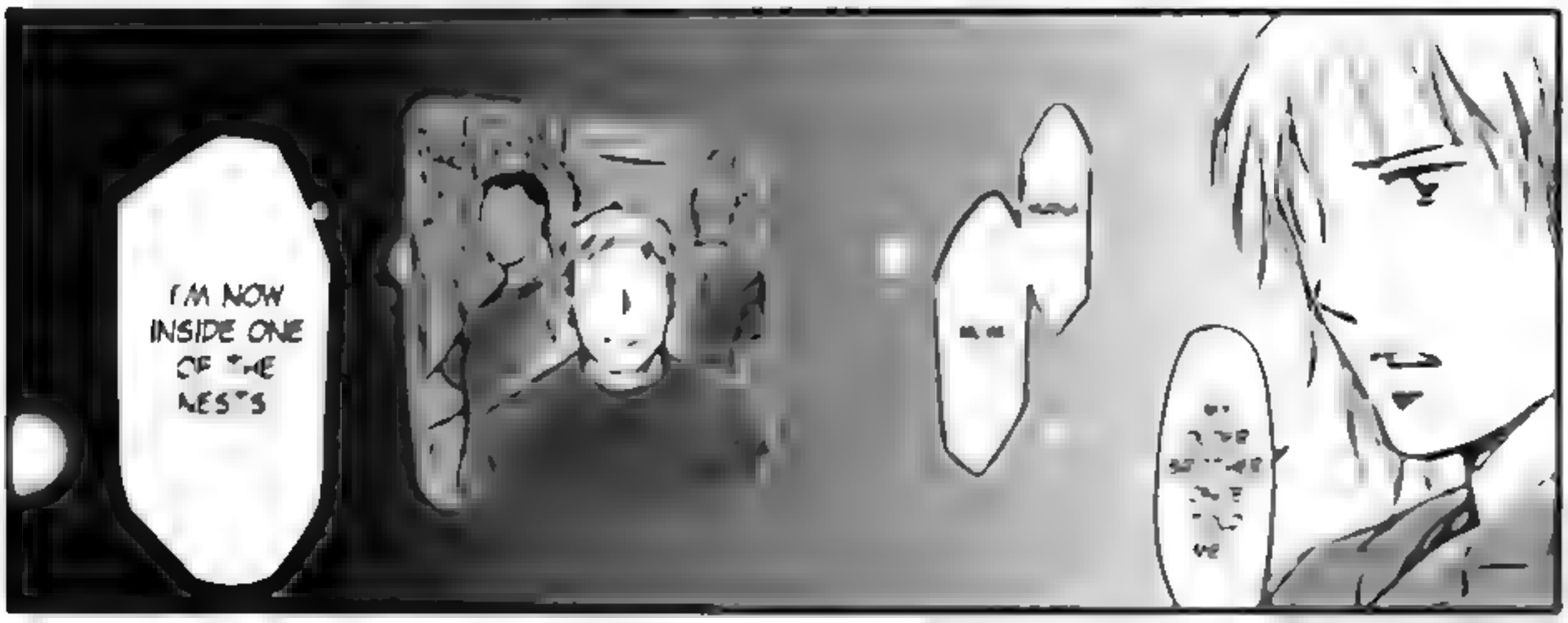
WHAT'S A NEST?
IS A NEST LATER ATTACK, SERGEANT
QUIET!
IT'S A SECRET BASE
A SECRET BASE?


I'M NOW INSIDE ONE OF THE NEST'S

I CAN'T TELL YOU WHICH NEST THOUGH.
BECAUSE NEST'S ARE SECRET BASES OF SCI'S.

AND CAN SEND US WITH OUR SUPPLIES AND WEAPONS INTO ENEMY TERRITORY WHENEVER NECESSARY.

TRANSFER SOLDIERS COME BY PERIODICALLY WITH THE MOON,

THERE ARE NESTS DISPERSED ALL OVER THE PLANET HELPING TO PROTECT OUR COUNTRY.

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IS BACK TO OUR HOMES.

BUT WHERE THE TRANSFER TROOPS ARE TRANSFERRING US TOMORROW,

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SERGEANT!

I-IS THERE ANYTHING THAT I CAN DO-

WHAT'RE YOU SPACING OUT FOR?

WERE YOU EVEN LISTENING!?

OGA!

THE MOON SHOULD COME UP IN A FEW HOURS.

SO GET A BOTTLE OF THIS YEAR'S WINE OUT FOR ME, WILL YOU?

DO WHAT LITTLE YOU CAN ACTUALLY DO,

formation list BASIC 1

WHICH IS TO MEMORIZE THIS.

SO...

UNTIL IMPLANTATION, YOU'RE EVEN LESS USEFUL THAN A DAMN PEBBLE IN A FOREST!

OF COURSE FUCKING NOT!

ANYTHING YOU CAN DO?

FORMATION LIST?

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THERE'LL BE A TEST ON IT TOMORROW!

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AH-

THESE ARE THE FUNDA-MENTALS.

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IF YOU DON'T LEARN IT ALL...

YOU'LL DIE.

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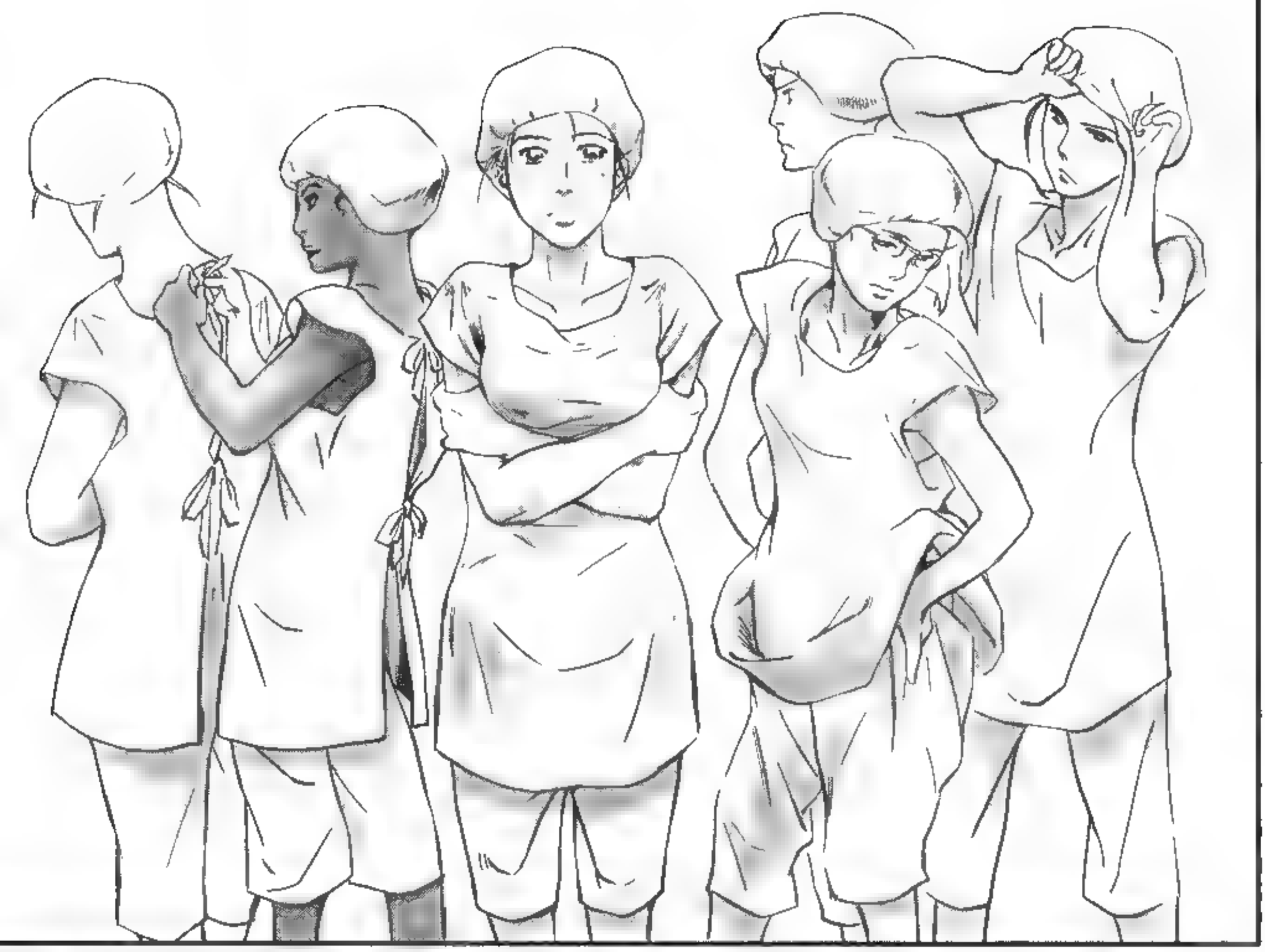
WHAT'S NEXT AGAIN?

Why don't you try checking yourself!

CONDITIONING.

SHE SAID WE HAD TO MEMORIZE ALL THE SHAPES TOO...

THIS IS INSANE...



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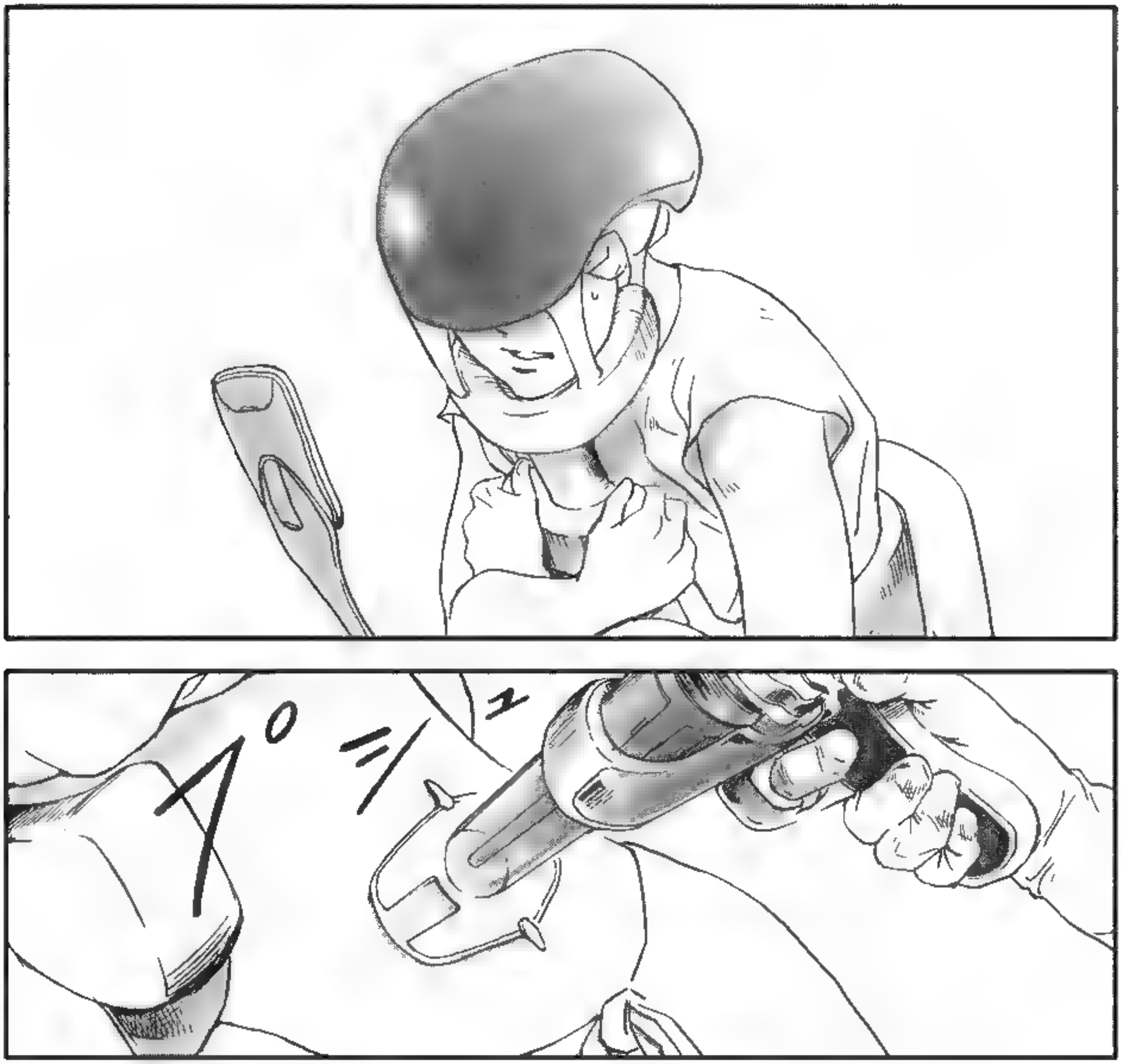

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IS A SMALL MACHINE MAKING ITS WAY DEEPER INSIIIIIDE...
RIGHT NOW, INSIDE YOUR BRAAAAINS,

IF IT ACTIVATES IN AN UNINTENDED PLACE,

IT'LL BE EXTREMELY TROUBLE-SOME!

STAY STILL UNTIL THE INDUCEMENT IS OVER!

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TRANSFERRING !!!!!SSS... ALL ABOUT TEAM PLAY.

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DON'T MOVE!

THIS NANOMA-CHINE INSIDE YOUR BRAIN WILL ASSIST WITH THAT.

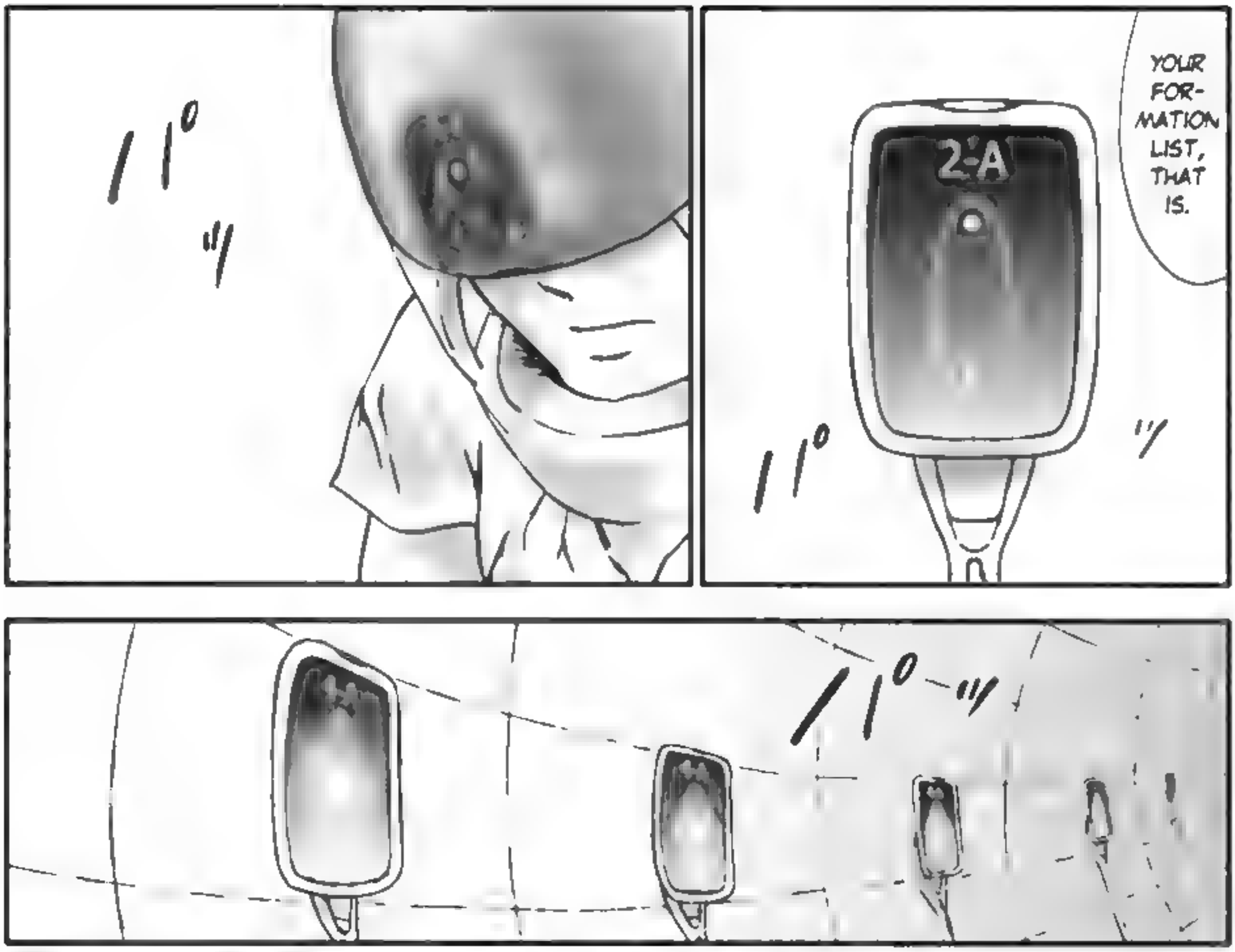
ALL TEAM MEMBERS MUST ACT COMPLETELY IN SYNC AT THE MOMENT OF TRANS-FERENCE.

JUST STUDY UNTIL IT'S OVER.

HMMM... IT'LL TAKE QUITE SOME TIME.

...HOW LONG DO WE HAVE TO SIT LIKE THIS?

OF COOOURSE, THE DEVICE HAS OTHER FUNCTIONS AS WELL, BUT IT'S BEST TO EXPLAIN THINGS ONE STEP AT A TIME.



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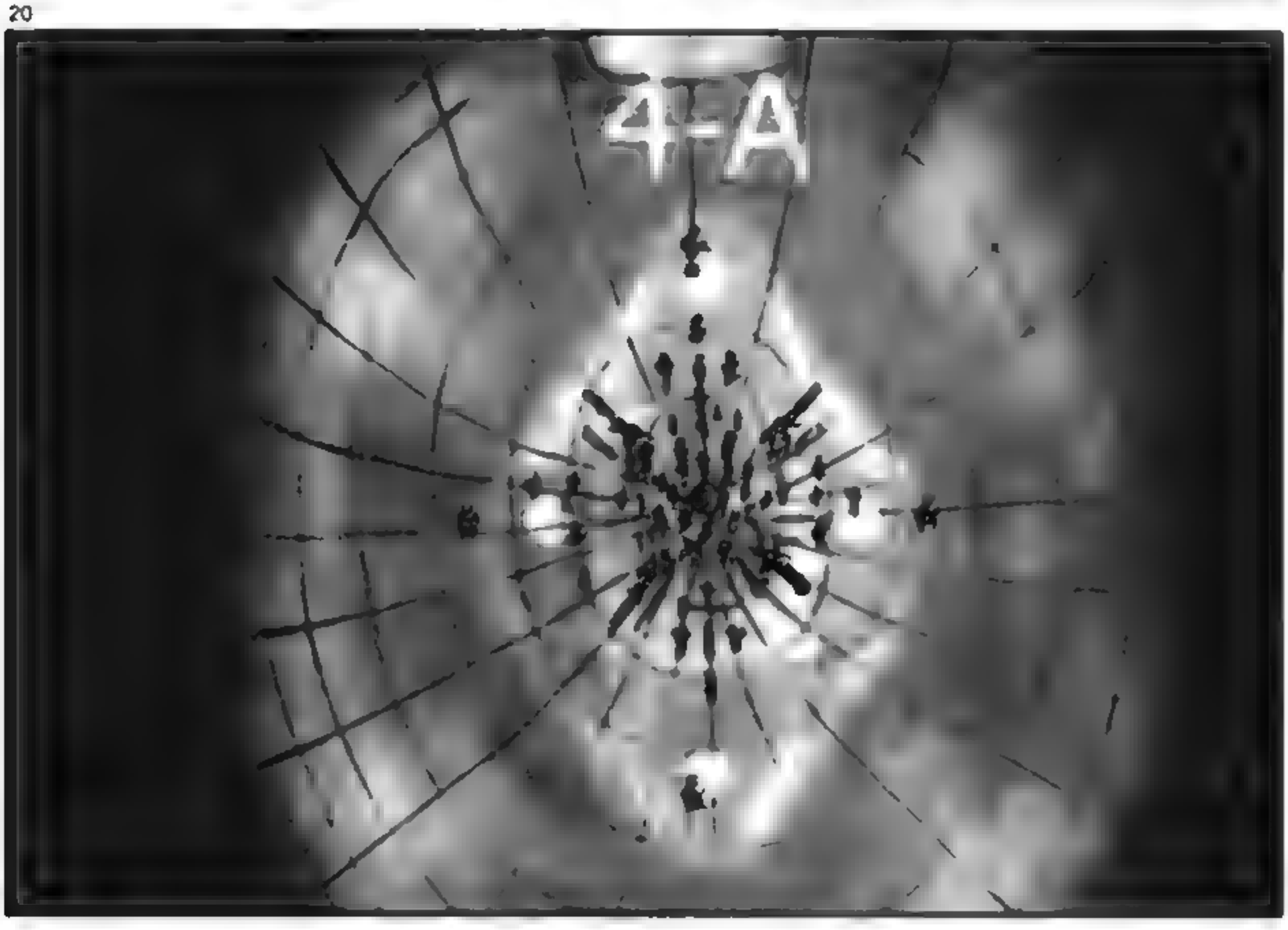

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TIME UNTIL MOONRISE AT NEST L-332?

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CONTR-OLLER!

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WE'LL BE SENDING 4 TEAMS FROM THE OCCULT HEMI-SPHERE.

BUT IT'LL BE UP TO YOU TO DETERMINE THE EXACT LOCATION, SGT. ARMEA.

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NOT YET!

RECEIVING VIDEO FEED!

Can you see it?

NOT YET.

What about the reflected light?

THEY'VE SEALED OFF EVEN OUR ESCAPE HATCH!

WE'RE COMPLETELY SURR-

COME ON OVER ASAP!

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MY HEAD HURTS.

THE DOCTOR SAID IT'S ALL IN OUR HEADS. THE HEADACHE'S NOT REAL.

NEXT IS BLOOD DRAWING. TURN RIGHT.

I'M GOING TO LOSE ALL MY BLOOD AT THIS RATE.

ANOTHER BLOOD SAMPLE?

YOU DON'T KNOW THAT UNLESS WE GO THERE!

IT'S SGT. ARMEA!

THAT VOICE!

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SERGEANT!

DID YOU MEMORIZE THE FORMATIONS YET?

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UM, WAS THE NEST...

OH, IT'S YOU CUNTS.

ALL OF THEM.

...NO, NOT ALL OF THEM.

MEMORIZE THEM.

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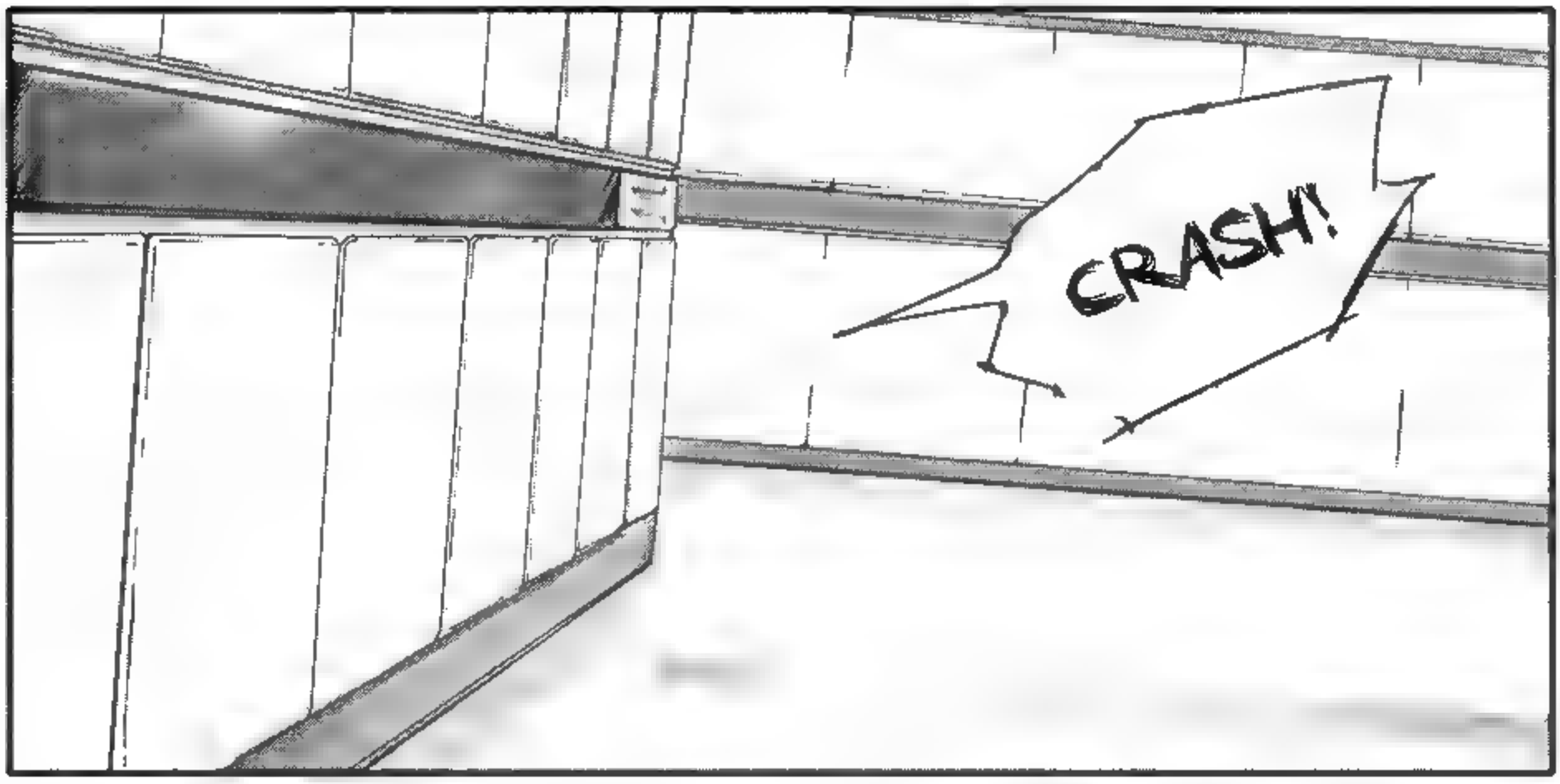

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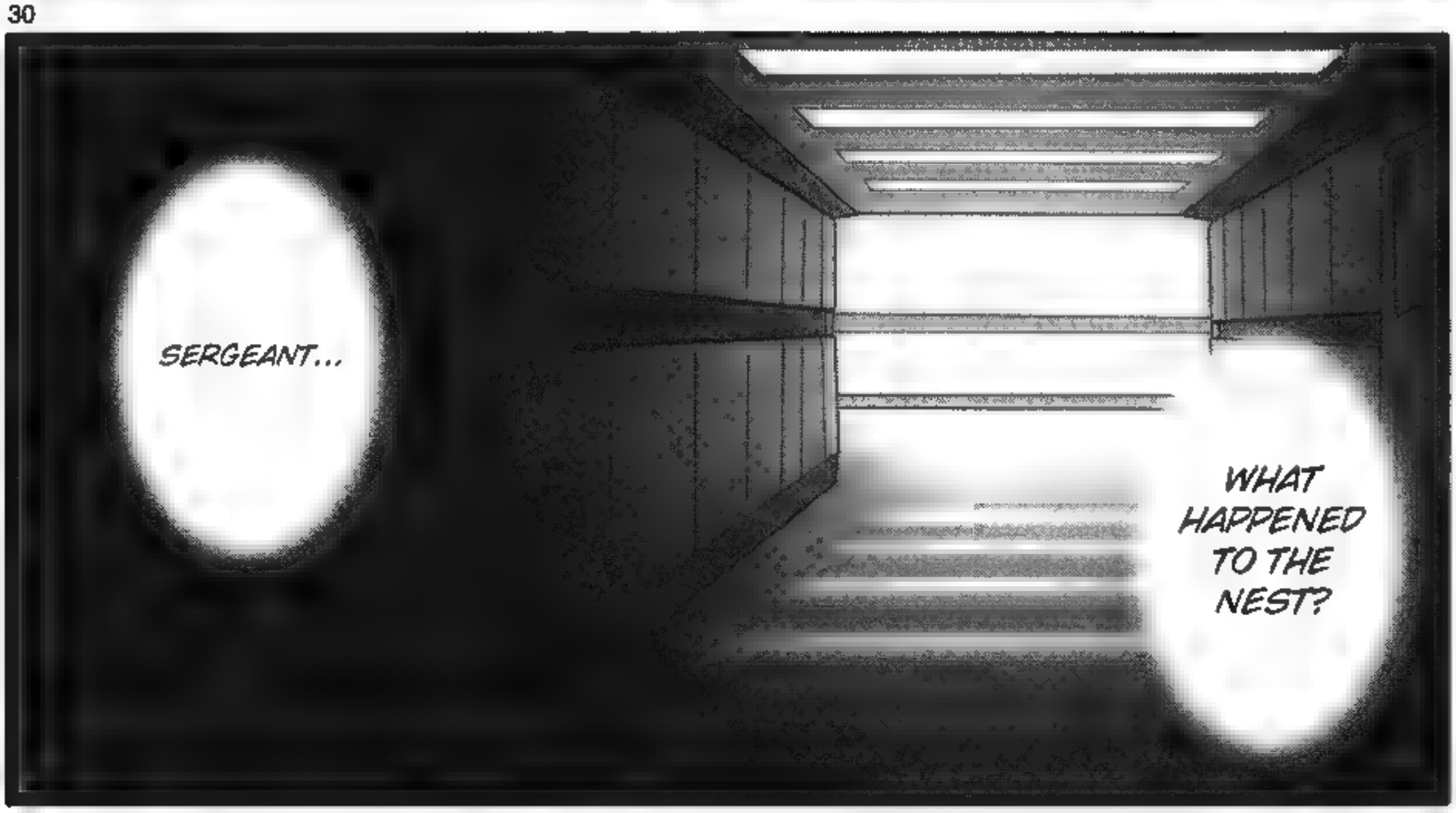

MOM, MANA.

LOVE YOU LOTS.

HOPE TO MEET YOU SOON.

WHAT HAPPENED...

GOOD NIGHT THEN.

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BUT I WANT TO FLY.

THE THOUGHT OF TAKING THAT IN MY BODY IS SCARY.

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THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS I WISH TO DO.

AND ONCE I'M ABLE TO FLY,

CHAPTER 4 IMPLANTATION [0 WEEKS]

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THANK YOU, DR. NICHOLS.

THE IMPLANTATION SHOULD GO WITHOUT A HITCH.

IT'S OBVIOUS FROM LOOKING AT YOUR ABS.

THANK GOODNESS.

SERGEANT ARMEA'S ALWAYS OVERWORKING YOU GIRLS WHICH MAKES ME, AS THE DOCTOR, CONSTANTLY WORRY.

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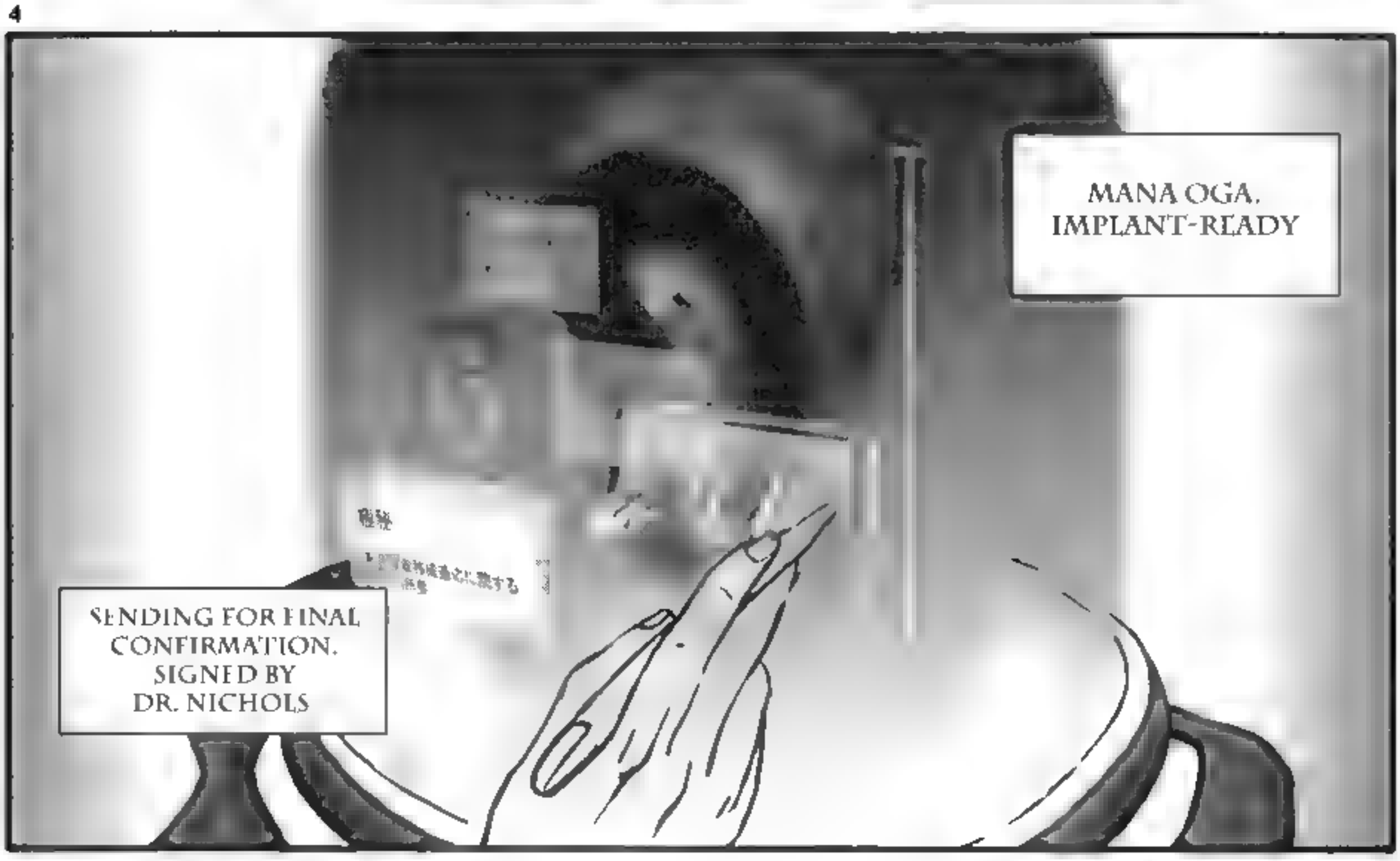
AH-

IT'S A GOOD THING THOUGH.

YOU SEEM TO HAVE ESPECIALLY BEEN WRINGED THOROUGHLY.

THE STOMACH MUSCLES ARE WHAT HELPS HOLD THE TRANSFER ORGAN.
SO KEEP BUILDING THEM UP.

Y-YES, DOCTOR!


MANA OGA. IMPLANT-READY
SENDING FOR FINAL CONFIRMATION. SIGNED BY DR. NICHOLS

ONLY
3 DAYS UNTIL
IMPLANTATION.

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NOT A SINGLE SIGHT OF THE NIEBASS IS SHOWN TO US...

...NO, NOT QUITE EVERYTHING.

OUR HEADS ARE CRAMMED WITH EVERYTHING THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT TRANSFER TROOPS.

Diet After Implantation
The essential nutrients for a balanced diet

Proteins
Chromarens
Vitamins
Carbohydrates
Minerals

BETWEEN TRAINING, OUR TIME IS TAKEN UP BY ALL SORTS OF LECTURES.

BUT NOT EVEN A SINGLE PICTURE OF THE NIEBASS.

THERE ARE MODELS AND FIGURES OF THE TRANSFER ORGAN EVERYWHERE,

IT'S BEEN LIKE THAT EVER SINCE I WAS OLD ENOUGH TO REMEMBER...

ALL INFORMATION ABOUT THE NIEBASS IS STRICTLY CLASSIFIED IN HAST.

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YOU KNOW IT'S FORBIDDEN.

A PICTURE OF THE NIEBASS?

WHY DO YOU WANT TO SEE IT?

IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH US.

IT'S NOT AS IF THE TRANSFER ORGAN COULD EVER GROW INTO A NIEBASS.

IT'S STRANGE THAT THEY WON'T SHOW IT TO US, WHEN IT CONCERNS OUR BODIES.

NO, IT DOESN'T.

YOU'RE A CURIOUS ONE.

I KNOW, BUT...

UGH, WHY'D YOU HAVE TO BRING THAT EXAMPLE UP WHEN I'M EATING!

THAT'S LIKE WANTING TO SEE THE NECTAR BAT THAT SECRETLY LIVES INSIDE A GRILLED SKEWERS RESTAURANT!

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OPPOSITION MOVEMENT...

WHAT'S WITH HER?

SHE'S A NURSING STUDENT, ISN'T SHE? THEN MAYBE SHE'S PART OF THE SECRET OPPOSITION MOVEMENT.

I HEAR THERE'S A LOT OF'EM AMONG NURSES.

STOP IT, SHEDD...

IT'S VERY IMPORT-ANT.

READ THIS.

DON'T FORCE OUR DAUGHTERS TO BE WIVES TO THE NIEBASS!

政府は戦略として人員不足を理由に
特別転送業への入隊年齢を、18才以上へとうたい下げると発表した。
このままでは17才、16才と下がっていくことは間違いない。
このような、ことが許されていいのだろうか。
転送業を助長する法及びヒューマノイド人権基本法及びヒューマノイド
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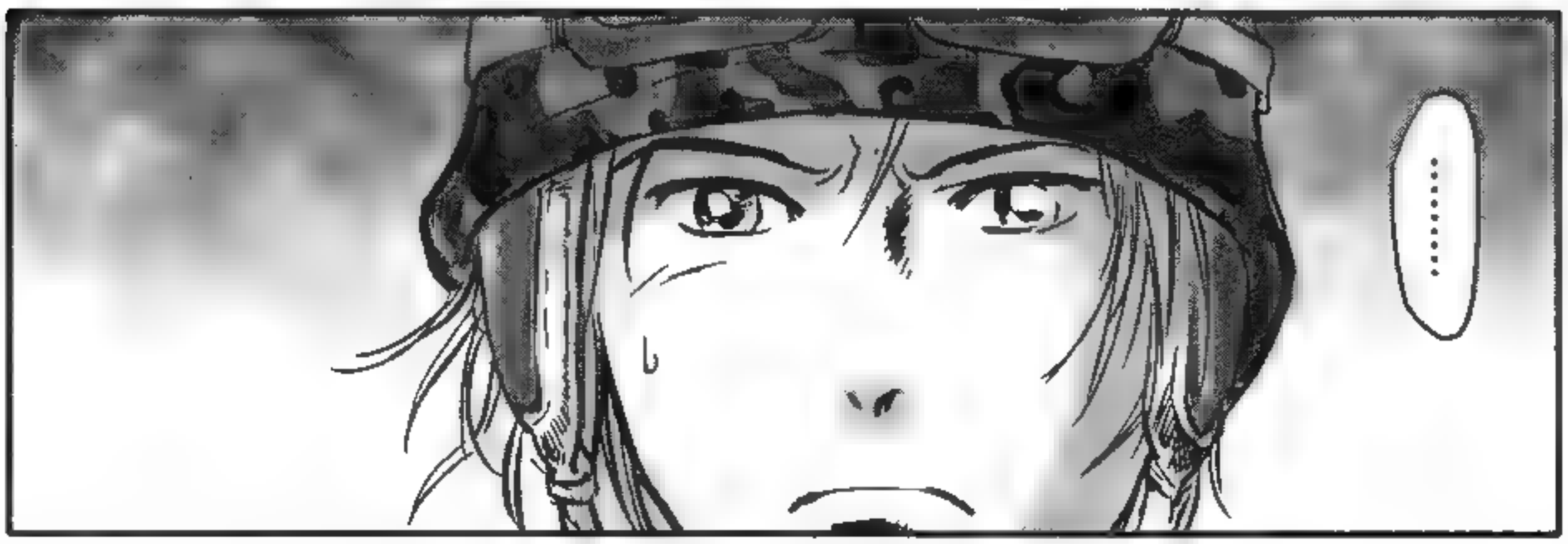
DO YOU THINK I'M AN IDIOT!?
DO YOU THINK YOU'LL SCARE ME WITH THIS BULLSHIT PORTRAYAL OF A NIEBASS!?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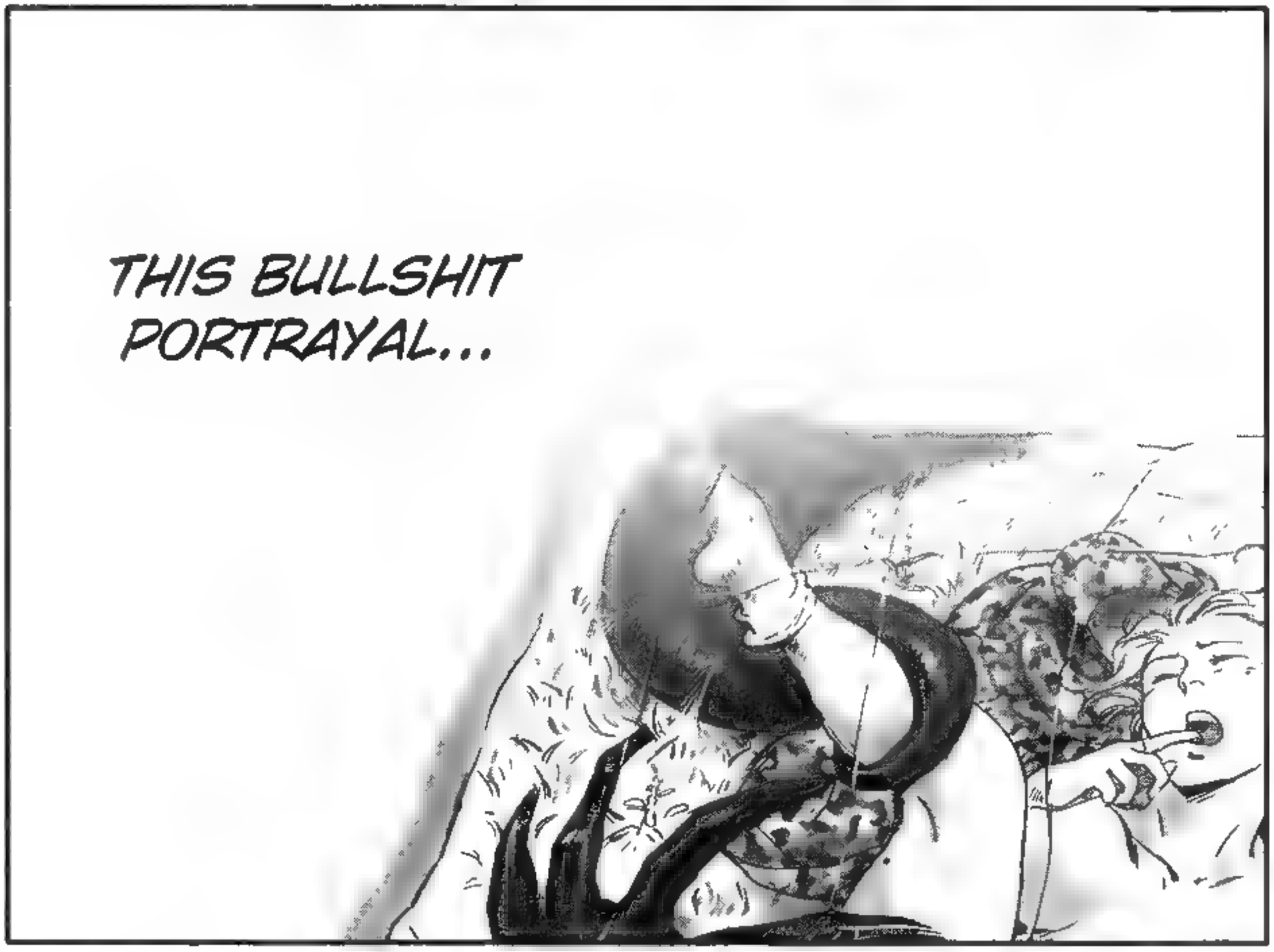
THIS BULLSHIT PORTRAYAL...

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IT WAS LYING HERE.

WHAT IS THIS?

MANA, WHAT'S WRONG?

AGHH!

OH, IT'S TRANSFER SOLDIER BESTIALITY. I HEAR THESE FETCH QUITE A BIT IN THE BLACK MARKET?

NGH!

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HE PROBABLY HOLDS A GRUDGE FROM THAT LAST TIME!

WAS NIEBASS COCK BIG ENOUGH FOR YA?

WHOEVER PUT THIS HERE DID IT ON PURPOSE.

THIS CORRIDOR IS USED ONLY BY US TRANSFER TROOPS...

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I'M GONNA MAKE SURE HE P-

AHH!

The evidence...

IT'S OBVIOUSLY THAT ASSHOLE!

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JUST IGNORE IT... LET'S PAY NO MIND AND FOCUS ON OUR TASKS...

THOSE WHO DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THE TRULY IMPORTANT THINGS ARE...

THERE ARE PEOPLE LIKE HIM NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO...

YES, SGT!

FORMATION: A-T!

SGT. MAX?

THAT'S SOME IMPRESSIVE PASSION YOU'RE SHOWING, SGT.

I DON'T EXPECT MODEL BEHAVIOUR FROM NEW RECRUITS.

JUST BE SURE TO DISCIPLINE THEM PROPERLY, HOWEVER.

IT SEEMS ONE OF MY RECRUITS CAUSED TROUBLE AGAIN.

MY APOLOGIES.

PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR SURROUNDINGS!

AND THEN ADVANCE AT REGULAR INTERVALS!

AGAIN! YOU'LL DO THIS UNTIL IT BECOMES MUSCLE-MEMORY!

Alright, let's regroup!

STILL BETTER THAN NOT FIGHTING AT ALL THOUGH.

...THEY CAN'T FIGHT A WAR IN THIS STATE.

JUST LIKE ME, HEH.

RIGHT, AND ONCE THEY GO THROUGH THOSE FLAMES, THEY WON'T EVEN BE ABLE TO JERK OFF TO TRANSFER CHICK PORN,

THERE'S NEVER ENOUGH TIME TO GET RECRUITS FULLY PREPARED.

THE FINAL PREPARA-TIONS HAVE TO BE FORGED IN THE FLAMES OF BATTLE

AS TOUGH AS TRAINING IS ON THEM, SOON, THEY WON'T EVEN HAVE THE LUXURY TO TRAIN.

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THAT'S ENOUGH ABOUT YOU.

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ONCE THEY GO THROUGH IMPLANT-ATION,

THERE'S NO TURNING BACK...

IS THIS YOUR ENTIRE REPORT?

YES.

VERY WELL,

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WAIT, SIR!

MEETING ADJOURNED!

I GIVE PERMISSION FOR ALL RECRUITS TO UNDERGO IMPLANTATION.

EXCLUDING THE ONE RECRUIT INJURED DURING TRAINING,

THE PROB-LEMATIC RECRUITS IN THE PAST ALSO-

SERGEANT ARMEA!

YOUR REPORT WILL BE HELPFUL FOR CONSIDERING POST-IMPLANTATION TRAINING.

BUT!

I ADDED TO THE REPORT A LIST OF RECRUITS WHOM I RECOMMEND 4 ADDITIONAL WEEKS OF TRAINING. THERE'S ALSO A RECRUIT WHO REPORTS OF HEADACHES-

YOU MEAN MANA OGA? THAT'S ONLY A TEMPORARY SIDE-EFFECT. NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

CORPORAL KINEN WHO SUSTAINED INJURIES DURING COMBAT 3 WEEKS AGO...

IS WELL ON HER WAY TO RECOVERY.

LEAVE THAT TO DR. NICHOLS TO HANDLE.

LT. COLONEL SAURA...

BUT DR. NICHOLS, I SIMPLY W-

SHE'S RIGHT.

SERGEANT.

THIS IS MY CONCERN, NOT YOURS.

YES, I'M VERY GRATEF-

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HER WOMB IS INTACT TOO.

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THANK YOU, DR. NICHOLS.

...WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT IT'S LIKE OUT THERE, DOCTOR!

IF YOU RETURN HER BACK OUT THERE IN THAT STATE...

OH, I'VE BEEN OUT THERE, SERGEANT.

I JUDGE THAT SHE'LL BE ABLE TO HOLD OUT FOR ONE MORE CYCLE.

BUT OF COURSE...

I'M NOT PLANNING TO GIVE THE OFFICIAL PERMISSION JUST YET.

IT ALL "DEPENDS" ON HOW "CERTAIN" DEVELOP-MENTS TURN OUT...

I'VE HAD MY FAIR SHARE OF EXPERIENCES STITCHING WOMBS BACK TOGETHER OUT THERE.

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IT IS IMPERATIVE WE HAVE AS MANY TRANSFER TROOPS AS POSSIBLE FOR THAT TIME.

THIS WAR WILL ENTER A CRITICAL PHASE NOT FAR LONG FROM NOW.

ARE YOU SERIOUSLY IMPLYING ON USING KINEN AS A HOSTAGE FOR YOUR ENDS!?

...!

SGT. ARMEA.

SO PLEASE UNDER-STAND, SGT.

UNFORTU-NATE IT MAY BE, THIS IS OUR CURRENT SITUATION.

KINEN...

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SERGEANT!

WHAT IS IT?

CAN YOU LEND ME YOUR EAR?

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THERE'S SOMETHING I WISH TO DO ONCE I RECOVER.

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NO,

IS IT... SELFISH OF ME... TO REQUEST SUCH A THING IN A TIME OF WAR...?

IT'S ONLY A NATURAL WISH.

1 HOUR AFTER MOONSET

3 DAYS LATER,

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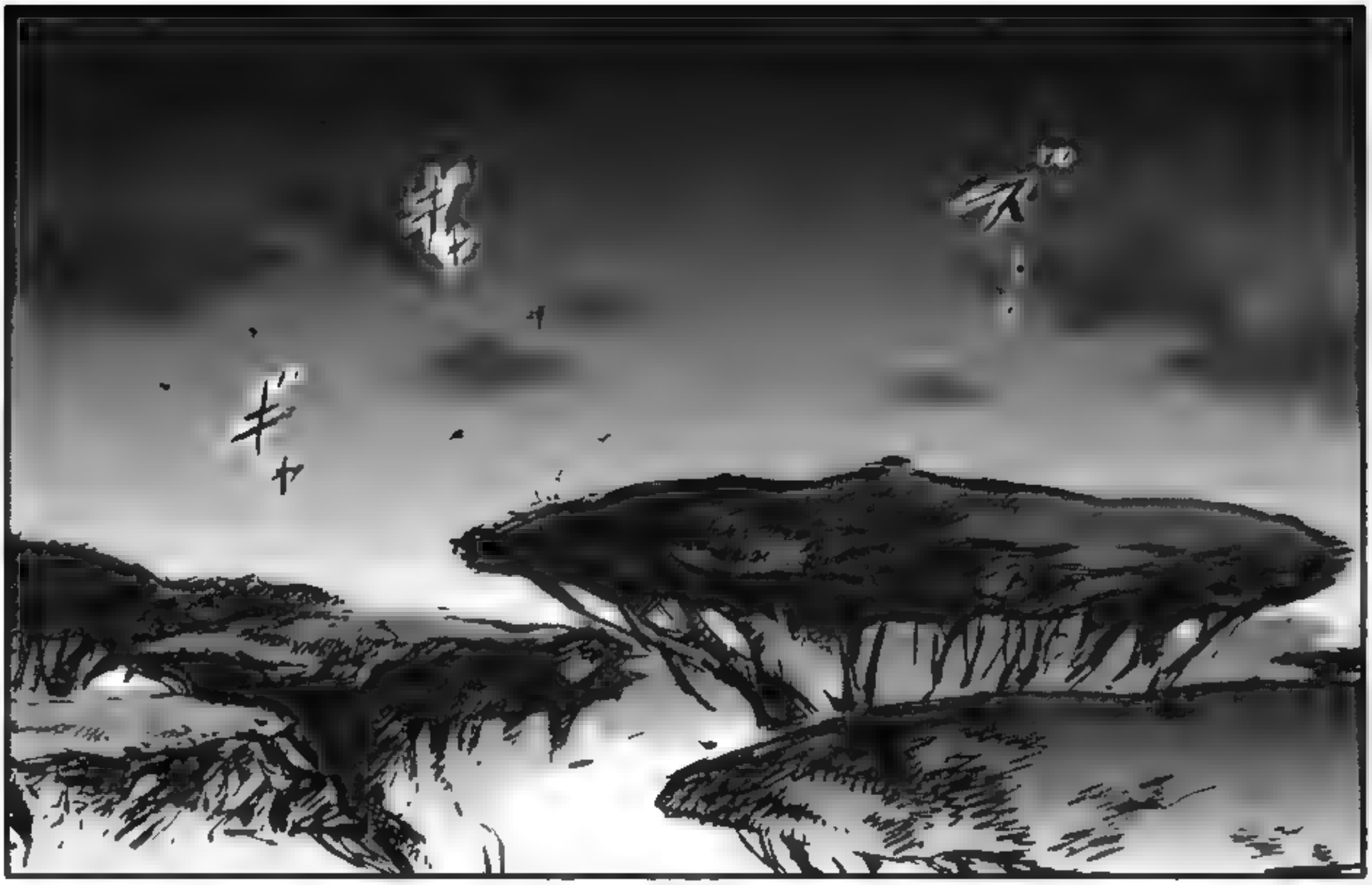

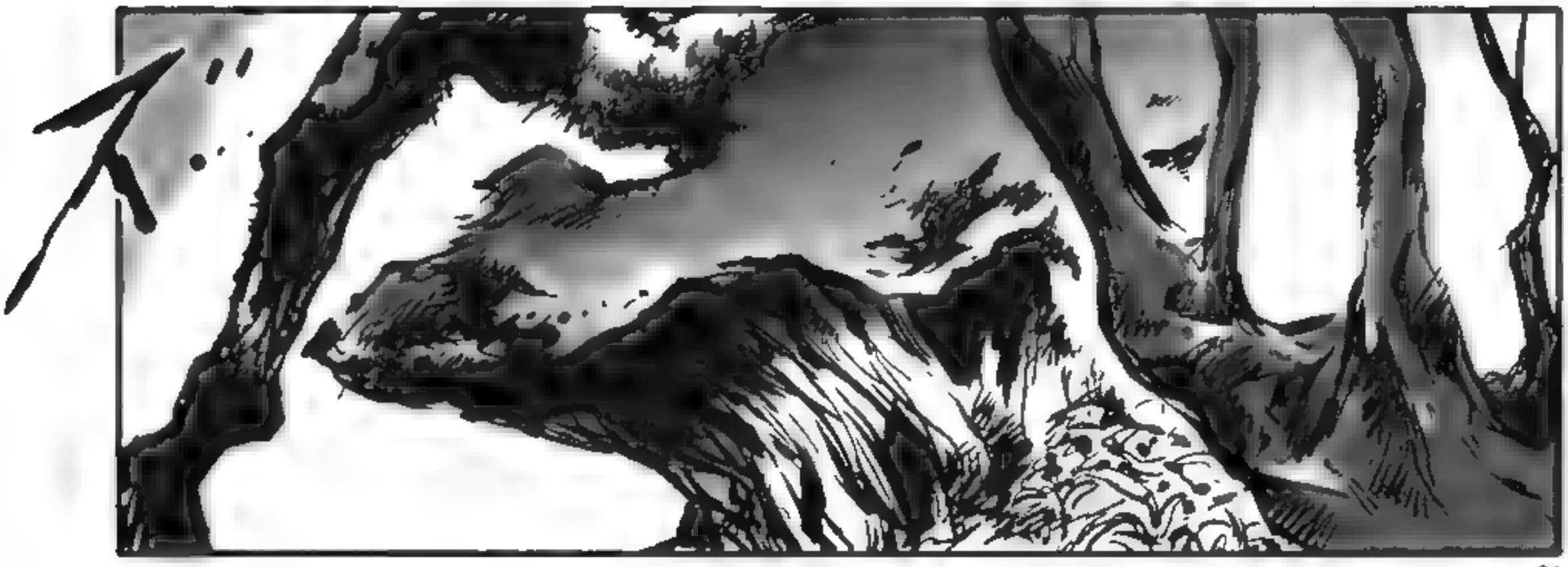

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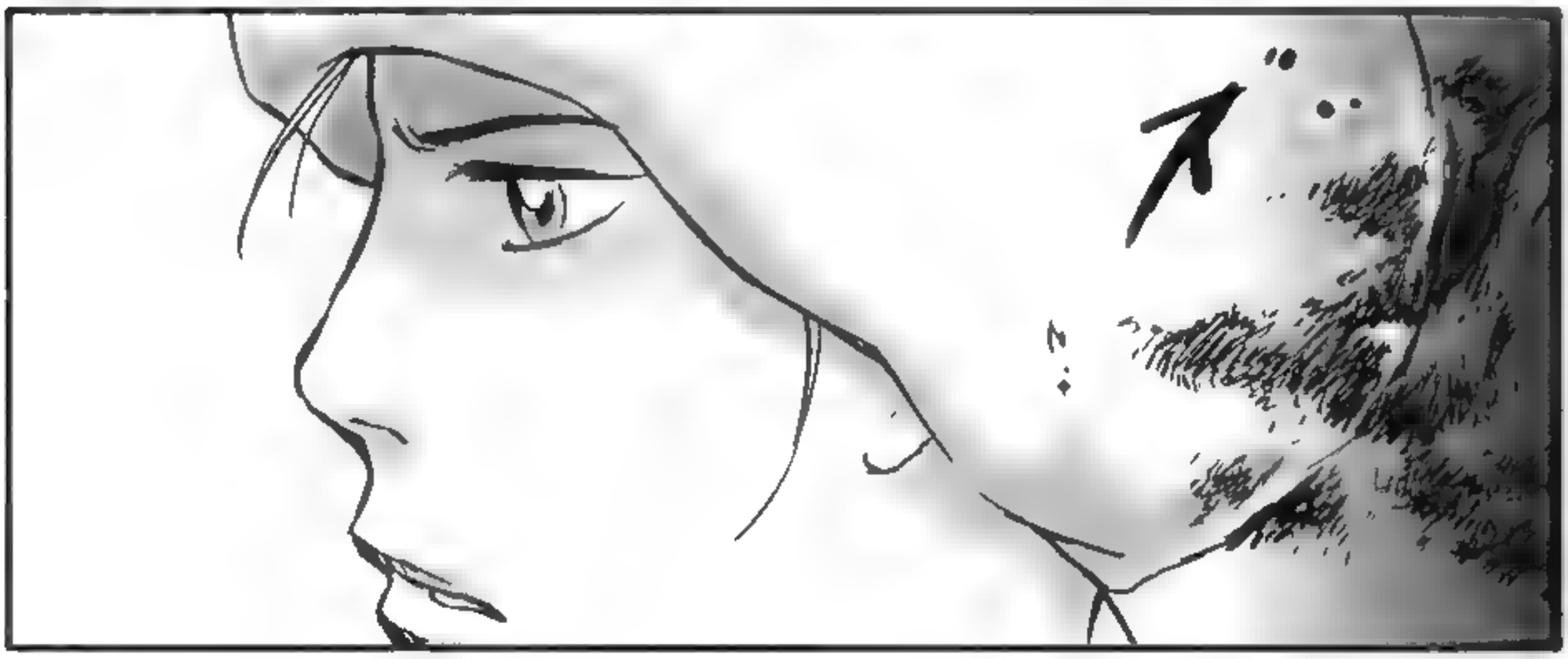

STEP INSIDE!

MANA OGA!

YES, SIR!

PRIVATE OGA OFF FOR IMPLANTA-TION!

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DROP

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AND SIT ON THE CHAIR.

ヴゥゥン TAKE OFF YOUR UNDER-WEAR,

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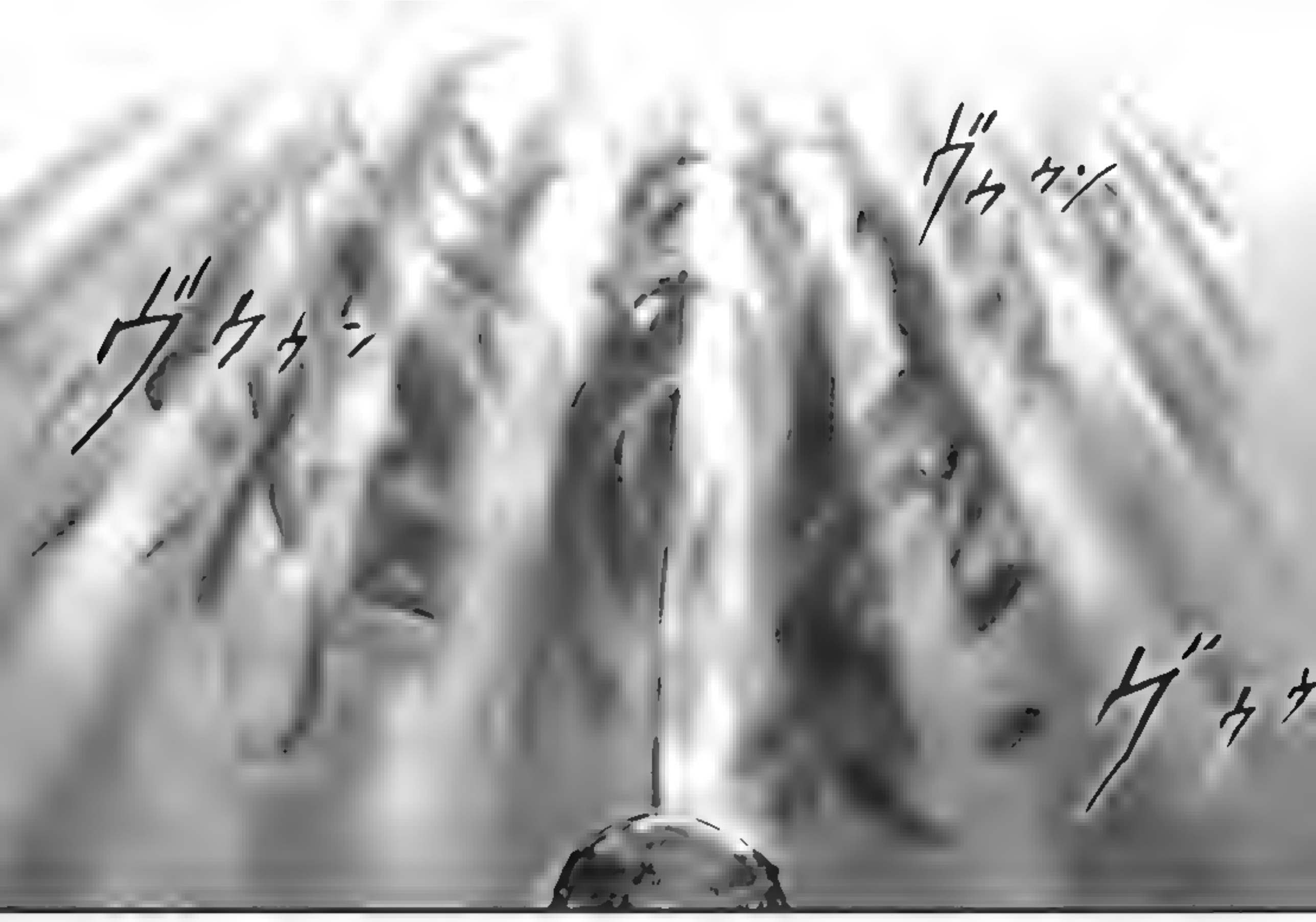

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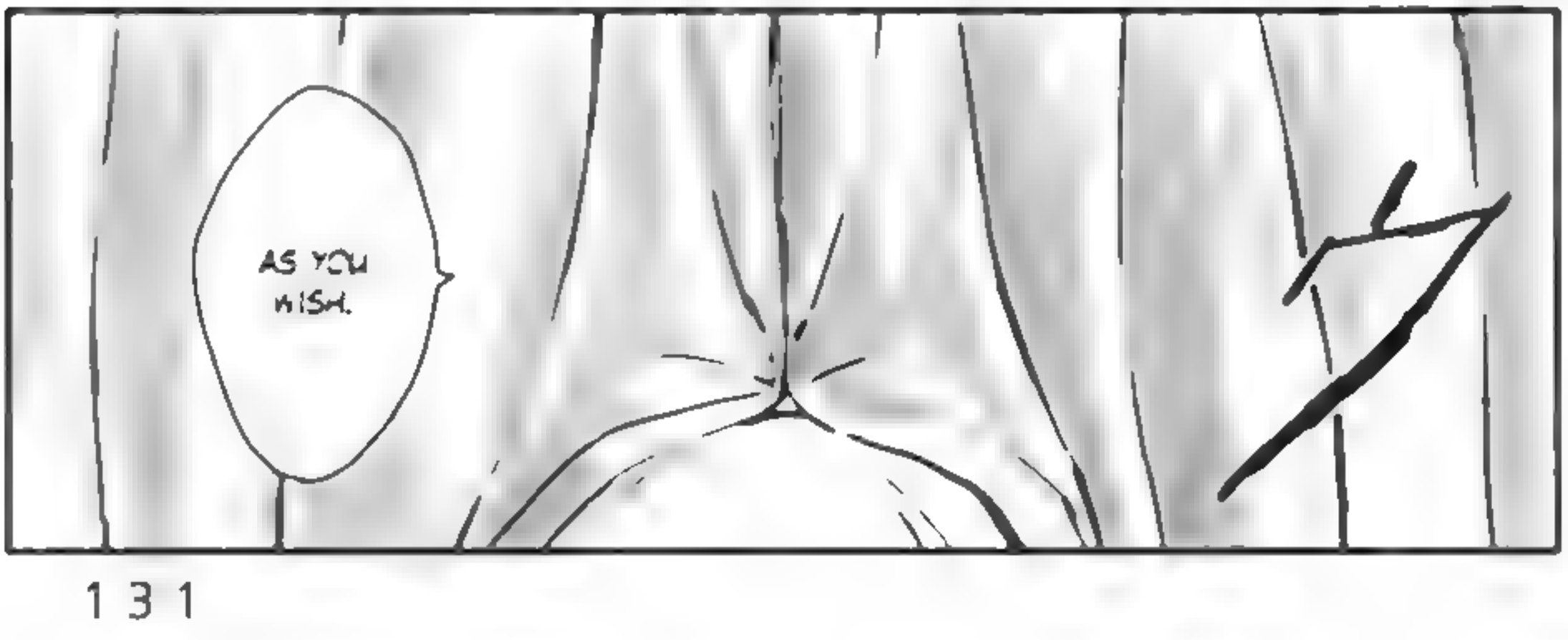
I WANT TO TAKE A CLOSE LOOK!
PLEASE OPEN THE CURTAIN!


AS YOU WISH.

YOU'RE QUITE ADMIR-ABLE, PRIVATE MANA OGA.

THAT'S WHAT MAKES A TRUE SOLDIER.

I'M SIMPLY A COWARD.

YOU'RE MISTAKEN, DOCTOR.

CHAPTER 5 REJECTION [3 WEEKS]

MY BUTT HURTS.

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BUT I WANTED TO.

THESE ARE OUR FAMILY'S GRAPES.

SEE, THIS IS WHY I TOLD YOU NOT TO TAG ALONG WITH ME TO THE MARKET, KEN.

STILL NO LETTERS FROM YOUR SISTER?

...HEY,

I GOTTA MAKE SURE YOU DON'T TRY TO SECRETLY EAT ANY OF OUR GRAPES, LARO.

The only one eating is you...

...WHAT DID SHE WRITE?

YOU DIDN'T GET ANY?

WE JUST GOT ONE YESTERDAY. SHE SAID SHE WAS SORRY FOR SENDING ONE SO LATE.

SHE SAID THE ICE CREAM WAS GOOD.

UMM...

YOU MEAN TO SAY SHE DIDN'T SEND A LETTER TO HER BOYFRIEND YET? WELL THAT'S MEAN OF HER.

LOOK, JUST FORGET ABOUT ME AND TELL ME WHAT SHE SAID IN HER LETTER!

SHE ONLY WROTE ABOUT DESSERTS?

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MUST BE NICE BEING IN THE MILITARY!

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UMM...

THE SHERBET'S GOOD TOO!

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WHAT ELSE?

MANA...

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SHE SAID THE REST WAS CLASSIFIED MILITARY INFO.

FINE, FINE...

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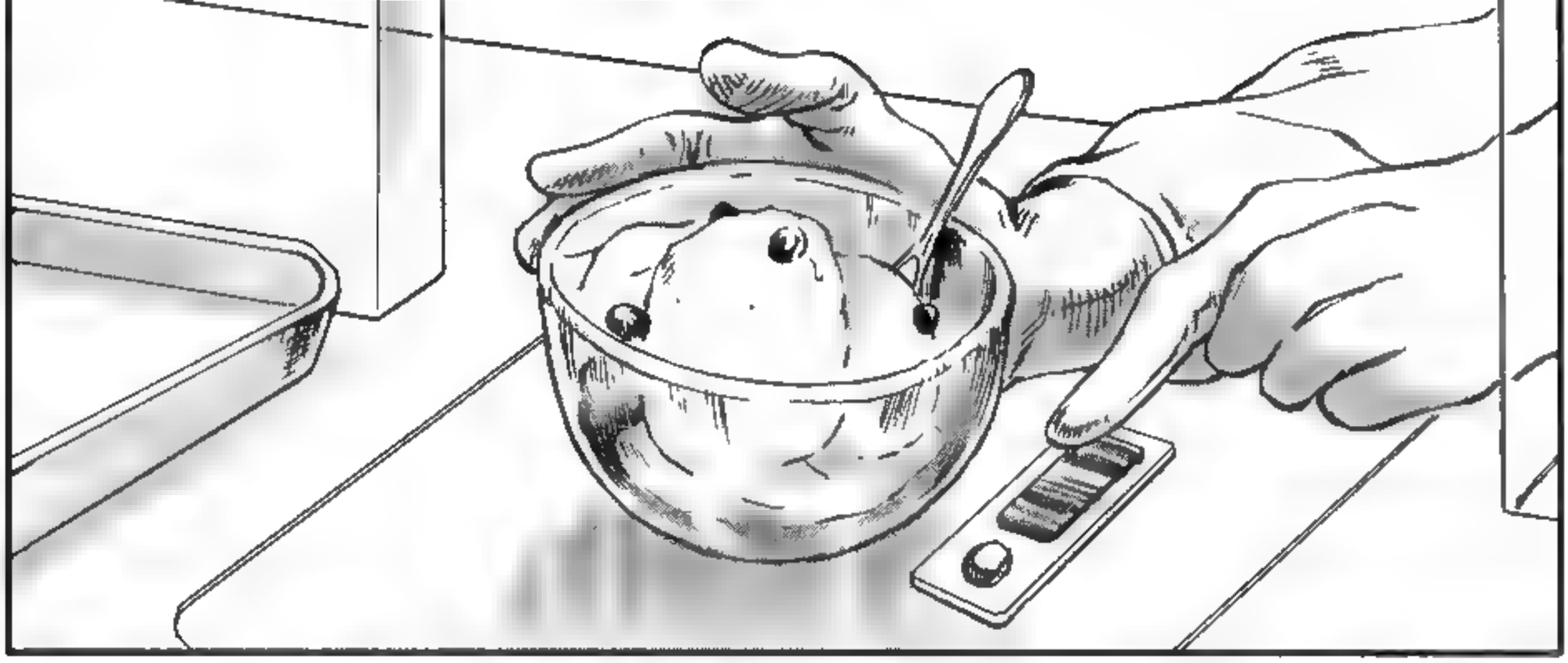
HOW ARE YOU DOING RIGHT NOW...?

MANA...

THAT'S...



ANYTHING ELSE?
ONE ICE CREAM.

OH, IT'S FINE. RIGHT NOW'S THE TOUGHEST TIME.
BUT SOON, YOU'LL BE FEELING BETTER AND EATING ACTUAL FOOD.

I CAN'T REALLY EAT ANYTHING ELSE WITHOUT THROWING UP RIGHT NOW...
SORRY...
TAP

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I HOPE SO.
Here's the rest packed to go.
HERE AGAIN?
DON'T WORRY.

SORRY... THE SMELL OF FOOD MAKES ME QUEASY...

MUST BE NICE BEING YOU, CATHERINE.

IN THE "WITHIN-ONLY CAFETERIA."

YOU SHOULD EAT OVER THERE,

WELL, I'M OFF TO HAVE SOME MEAT!

Meat...

DON'T ASK ME.

WHY IS LIFE SO UNFAIR!?

I'M THE TYPE TO BE IN A BAD MOOD WHEN HUNGRY BUT I CAN BARELY EAT ANYTHING ELSE RIGHT NOW.

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WE ALL GO THROUGH A PERIOD OF TRANSPLANT REJECTION.

FOR THE FIRST 3 WEEKS SINCE IMPLANTATION OF THE "TRANSFER ORGAN,"

I'M COMING IN.

THE SIDE-EFFECTS OF THIS TRANSPLANT REJECTION VARIES WIDELY FROM PERSON TO PERSON...

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

JUST LOOKING AT IT IS ENOUGH TO MAKE ME FEEL LIKE SHIT!

TAKE IT AWAY!

SO I'LL LEAVE IT HERE.

I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO EAT THIS,

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COUGH!

COUGH!

ARE YOU OKAY?

BUT...

AND DON'T EAT IN HERE!

JUST LEAVE HER BE, MANA.

I WAS TOP OF THE CLASS AT MY AIR FORCE PREP SCHOOL TOO...

BUT NOW THIS...

I WOULDN'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH THIS SHIT.

IF ONLY I WERE IN THE AIR FORCE...

IF ONLY I WEREN'T A WOMAN...

FOR MORNING SICKNESS.

IT'S BEST TO BE STILL AND NOT RESIST THE CHANGES TAKING PLACE IN YOUR BODY,

SHEDD.

GO AWAY!

TOSS

TAKE IT AWAY!

THAT WON'T HELP.

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EDDA ALWAYS ANNOYS US BY SAYING STUFF LIKE THAT.

IT'S TRANSPLANT REJECTION!

AS NONE OF US ARE ACTUALLY PREGNANT.

NO ONE HERE IS SUFFERING FROM MORNING SICKNESS,

ARE MUCH LIGHTER,

THE EXERCISES WE DO NOW THOUGH,

AS WE'RE STILL SOLDIERS, WE CONTINUE TO HAVE TRAINING.

Nausea

TRANSPLANT REJECTION IS A NATURAL PART OF THE TRANSPLANT PROCESS,

Transplant rejection is not a sickness

AND IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM MORNING SICKNESS WHICH USUALLY LASTS A LOT LONGER THAN 3 WEEKS.

Headache

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LARO...

BEEP!

THANKS TO THAT, I FINALLY GOT THE TIME TO WRITE THIS LETTER TO YOU,

AND WE SURPRISINGLY EVEN GET THE OPTION TO REST IF FEELING SICK.

I CAN'T SEEM TO FIND THE RIGHT WORDS TO WRITE TO LARO,

WARNING
Classified information. Please delete.

WARNING
Unsuitable expression. Please delete

WARNING
Classified informa
Please delete

IT REMINDS ME OF THAT TIME WE WENT MUSHROOM HUNTING.

BUT MOST OF ALL,

LARO, AROUND OUR BASE IS A VIRGIN FOREST.

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OUT

BECAUSE I WANT TO TELL HIM ABOUT MY SITUATION HERE TO CLEAR UP HIS MIS-UNDER-STANDING.

I GUESS I'LL TRY AGAIN.

IS THE BEAUTIFUL SEA BACK HOME...

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WHAT I WANT TO SEE THESE DAYS,

BEEP!

LOUNGE ROOM FOR WITHIN-ONLY TRANSFER SOLDIERS

VINE-YARD?

WI TH/N ONLY!

A disguised, unmmaned plane broke through the air defense lines and into our airspace

WHY IS IT ON THE NEWS...?

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Our vigilante corps, seeing this as an attack-

!! WHERE!?

BE QUIET, NEWBIE!

This action is clearly in violation of the Hamil agreement...

But also subjected the surrounding town area to fierce bombardement.

Not only slaughtered them,

The unmanned enemy plane, foolishly interpreting their actions to defend their homes as hostile,

THEY'RE UP TO IT AGAIN...

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The temporary cease-fire near the coastal regions is at an end-

KEN...

LARO...

WHERE WAS THIS BOMBING?

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MOM...

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SHIT, I DON'T HAVE TIME TO EXPLAIN THE SITUATION TO A KID!
LISTEN! THERE'S NO WAY AN ENEMY PLANE WOULD COME ALL THE WAY HERE. THAT PLANE'S ON OUR SIDE!

DON'T BE STUPID!
YOU KNOW WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF YOU DO-
DON'T STOP ME!

!
KEN, WHAT'RE YOU DOING!?
I'M GONNA HIT IT!

THANKS, MR. PILOT!

SMILE MORE! THE PILOT WILL BE HAPPY TO SEE THAT!

IT'S JUST BUILT LIKE ONE OF THEIRS TO TRICK THE ENEMIES.

WAVE YOUR HANDS!

SAY THANKS TO THE PILOT UP THERE!

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CITIZENS OF HAST THIS IS AN OFFICIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HEKIOU ALLIANCE!

IT'S SPRAYING SOME-THING.

LARO,

YOU MUST SWITCH OVER TO GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZED PRODUCE ONLY SO THAT THE ENVIRONMENT AND SOIL QUALITY IS NOT HARMED

THE PRODUCE YOU ARE GROWING IS UNAUTHOR-IZED BY THE PAN-HUMAN IMMIGRATION BUREAU.

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LET US WORK TOGETHER FOR A PROSPEROUS FUTURE!

LET US WORK TOGETHER FOR A PROSPEROUS LIFE!

ITS FRUIT CAN BE TURNED INTO HIGH QUALITY ENERGY BY BRINGING IT TO THE REFINERIES AT THE BORDERS.

THIS PLANE IS NOW SPRAYING OILGRASS SEEDS, ONE OF SEVERAL AUTHORIZED PRODUCE.

YOUR FARM WAS ONLY SPRAYED WITH SEEDS.

WELL THAT'S GOOD.

YEAH... THAT'S NICE...

BUT...

OILGRASS BINDS TO GRAPE VINES AND KILLS THEM,

SO THAT'LL MEAN A TON OF WEEDING...

THE PLACE IS SHORT ENOUGH ON HANDS AS IT IS ALREADY, WITH ME AND MY OLDER BROTHER BOTH GONE...

ARE YOU OKAY?

GONNA GO TO THE TOILET.

MANA...

HHHH

I CAN'T HELP WEED... I CAN'T FLY... I CAN'T DO ANYTHING...

WHAT AM I DOING HERE...

IF ONLY I COULD DO SOMETHING ALREADY!

IF ONLY...

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LIGHTS?

YOUR HOME-TOWN...

IT LOOKED LOVELY.

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HEY MANA.

MANA, ARE YOU ALRIGHT!?

SHOULD I CALL SOMEONE?

KNOCK! KNOCK!

KNOCK! KNOCK!

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JEEZ...

I'M FINE. SORRY TO WORRY YOU.

I'M JEALOUS.

MY HOMETOWN.. DOESN'T EXIST ANYMORE.

IT WAS BURNED DOWN WHEN I WENT OFF TO THE CAPITAL FOR MY UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE EXAMS.

AND NOW I'M HERE, BREAKING EVEN MY MOTHER'S WORDS TO NEVER GO INTO A VIRGIN FOREST.

CAN'T GET MUCH WORSE THAN THAT.

KEI...

THANKS

DON'T WORRY

I WANT TO HELP,

PROTECT YOUR HOME, MANA.

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WHY DON'T YOU COME "INSIDE" YOURSELF?
ANYTHING OF CONCERN?

QUIT IT, I'M BUSY.

I THOUGHT YOU ONLY STOLE CREDIT WHEN FLYING?

SERGEANT! ARE YOU HERE TO HELP US!?

IT'S ONE OF YOUR NEW RECRUITS.

SO WHAT IS IT?

THERE'S NO WAY SHE COULD BE THERE.

...? IT'S ONLY BEEN 3 WEEKS.

SERGEANT ARMEA.

SHE'S ALREADY "HERE."

IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T WANT TO

IT'S THAT I'M TOO BUSY!

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EVEN IF YOU DON'T WANT TO

YOU OUGHT TO KEEP A CLOSE WATCH EVEN WHEN YOU'RE NOT FLYING,

BY DOING THAT, EVEN A

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NO NOT YET.

SHE'S NOT READY YET.

HEY!

I'M GOING TO GO MAKE SOME ADJUST-MENTS.

KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON HER SO SHE DOESN'T HURT HERSELF.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

GET HER UP?

SORRY IT WON'T BE FOR LONG.

STOP PILING ON MORE THINGS WE HAVE TO DO!

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ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE NOT HIDING ANYTHING FROM ME?

CAN I ASK YOU TO ADJUST A NANOMA-CHINE?

I'M OFF-DUTY RIGHT NOW. GIMME A BREAK..

DOCTOR!

DR. HERMAN.

...I ALREADY MADE THE USUAL ADJUST-MENTS.

AND HER HEAD-ACHES.

IT'S ABOUT PRIVATE MANA OGA.

LIKE WHAT?

JUST ADJUST IT ONE MORE TIME, WILL YOU?

WELL GOOD...

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WE'VE GOT ONE TRYING TO FLY,

WHEN SHE DOESN'T EVEN HAVE WINGS YET...

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IT HURTS ALREADY, DR. HERMAN.

MANA OGA,

LET ME KNOW IF YOUR HEAD STARTS TO HURT.

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IT HURTS!

UMM, CAN I ASK YOU TO BEAR WITH IT JUST A LITTLE LONGER?

SHE'S UNRE-STRAINED IN HER CURRENT STATE.

HER BRAIN MAY BE DAMAGED IF WE CONTINUE ANY FURTHER.

NOT YET.

ALMAKE

OR BREAK THEM?

DO YOU WANT TO CONTROL YOUR SOLDIERS,

DR. NICHOLS!

THEN ARE YOU SAYING PRIVATE MANA'S BRAIN CAN'T HANDLE YOUR NANOMACHINE?

I WOULDN'T GO THAT FAR.

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MAKING IT MORE POWERFUL, ACCURATE, AND QUICKER...

THE RESEARCH TEAM'S BEEN CONTINUALLY MAKING MODIFICATIONS TO THE TRANSFER ORGAN.

LET'S PROCEED A LITTLE LONGER THEN.

SERGEANT ARMEA!

THOSE ARE REASONABLE GROUNDS FOR MILITARY DISCHARGE.

THOUGH IT STILL TOOK CLOSE TO A WEEK, THIS IS A CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS...

R&D WILL PROBABLY BE MAD THAT THE REPORT CAME SO LATE THOUGH.

THIS IS SOME-THING TO REJOICE OVER.

WHAT!?

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UMM...

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WHA?

WHAT'S WRONG, MANA? WHAT DID THEY DO?

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I FEEL LIKE MY HEAD'S BEEN HIT WITH A HAMMER..

ASSEMBLE AT TRANSFER CHAMBER #3 AT ONCE!
GROUP 1!

VACATION-TIME IS NOW OVER.

SIR, YES, SIR!

WHERE'S YOUR REPLY!?

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DON'T FRET,

DAMN...

I'LL MAKE SURE TO WORK YOU GOOD ONCE YOU'RE BETTER.

DON'T WANT YOU PUKING ALL OVER THE TRANSFER CHAMBER.

YES, SGT...

YOU CAN STAY ON YOUR BED.

BE THERE IN 5 MIN!

YES, SERGEANT!

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LOOK FORWARD TO IT!

IT'LL BE EVEN BETTER THAN FLYING THE BEST PLANE THE AIR FORCE HAS GOT.

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FOR THEIR FIRST FLIGHT?

WITH SGT ARMEA AS THEIR MOTHER?

THE DUCKLINGS ARE MARCHING OUT.

NO THANKS.

HAHA.

THEN THOSE DUCKLINGS ARE STILL JUST EGGS,

BEING DROPPED OUT OF THE SKY BY THEIR MOTHER

BEING A NEW RECRUIT IS THE ONE THING I NEVER WANT TO GO THROUGH AGAIN.

THIS FIRST LESSON WAS SUPPOSED TO BE IN 2 WEEKS' TIME.

BUT! THERE'S BEEN A CHANGE OF PLANS DUE TO ONE OF YOU TRYING TO RUSH THINGS!

I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU,

TO REPORT ANYTHING STRANGE TO ME AT ONCE!

MANA OGA!

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NO YOU DIDN'T, YOU LAZY CUNT!

I... I DID, SIR!

AND WANDERING AROUND THE COORDINATE SPACE ON YOUR OWN!

YOU DIDN'T REPORT SEEING THE "LIGHT,"

YOU'RE WRONG.

DOCTOR!

I'VE ONLY BEEN IN THE TRAINING FACILITY AND THE LODGING QUARTERS, SIR!

I SWEAR I DID NOT WANDER AROUND ANYWHERE, SERGEANT!

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LIGHT? COORDI-NATE SPACE?

I DID WHAT...?

JUST LIKE THAT?

YES!

FOR 20!

LIFT PRIVATE OGA'S JAMMING SIGNAL FOR 30, NO...

WHA?

GET A FIRM FOOTING, PRIVATE.

AND OPEN YOUR EYES!

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S... SER-
GEANT...!

W-WHAT'S
GOING
ON?

SERGEANT!!

AGHH...

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WHAT?

I'M I'M FALLING-

DON'T MIND ME!

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SER... GEANT...

MEL-

BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN FLY JUST YET!

ALL OF YOU IN SECTOR I HAS NOW HAD A SUCCESSFUL TRANSPLANT!

I SUPPOSE CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER FIRST!

JUST LIKE MANA OGA HERE.

SO? HOW'S IT FEEL TO BE IN COORDINATE SPACE?

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...GONNA PUKE...

THAT'LL BECOME POSSIBLE ONLY WHEN YOUR TRANSFER ORGAN STARTS FUNCTIONING NORMALLY,

YOU MUST FIRST ACCESS THE COORDINATE SPACE TO DO SO.

SERGEANT!?

I KNOW!

SERGEANT! BUT MANA IS STILL IN HER REJECTION PERIOD-

BUT ACCESSING THE SPACE ALONE,

IS TANTAMOUNT TO SUICIDE!

SHE'S MANAGED TO ACCESS THE COORDINATE SPACE SOONER THAN ANYONE.

BUT IT SEEMS SHE'S GOT A NATURAL AFFINITY WITH THE TRANSFER ORGAN.

PRIVATE OGA MAY STILL BE USELESS AS AN INFANTRY SOLDIER,

TO HAVE NOTHING AS POINT OF REFERENCE,

IS THE SAME AS NOTHING EXISTING.

THE FIRST TIME YOU BECOME AWARE OF THIS SPACE, THERE WON'T BE ANY COORDINATES TO GUIDE YOU.

THE DREAD OF DEATH.

WHAT OGA IS EXPERIENCING RIGHT NOW IS TOTAL NOTHINGNESS.

OGA,

I DON'T KNOW WHERE FORWARDS IS, SIR.

I'LL TEACH YOU.

FACE FORWARDS.

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IT'S WHERE I AM.

SER-GEANT!?

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SEE ME?

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THAT'LL BE YOUR "ORIGIN!"

BRACE YOUR FEET!

YOUR TRANSFER ORGANS MIGHT NOT BE FULLY ACTIVE,

BUT YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET A GLIMPSE.

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LIFT THE JAMMING SIGNALS FOR THE REMAINING FOUR, DR. HERMAN.

NOW LISTEN UP

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IN YOUR CURRENT STATE, THE RELATIVE COORDINATES STARTING FROM ME WILL BE EVERYTHING TO YOU.

DON'T EVER LOSE SIGHT OF ME NO MATTER WHAT.

REFRAIN FROM TAKING INDIVIDUAL ACTION WITHOUT ORDERS.

UNLESS YOU WISH TO GET LOST AND DIE IN THIS OTHER DIMENSION,

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YOU'RE TO ALWAYS FOLLOW MY ORDERS, AND ACT ACCORDINGLY!

FROM NOW ON, WHETHER YOU'RE IN THIS SPACE OR THE COORDINATE SPACE, AS A MEMBER OF MY UNIT,

LESSON OVER!

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I FEEL SICK.

I'VE BEEN WONDERING ALL THIS TIME...

WHY NONE OF THE TRANSFER SOLDIERS EVER DESERT IF THEY CAN FLY TO WHEREVER.

GUESS WE KNOW NOW. IT'S THEIR SERGEANTS WHO CONTROL THE COORDINATES.

OH,

WELL THAT'S A FIRST.

WERE YOU PLANNING ON DESERTING?

IT'D BE A SHAME WHEN I BROUGHT A GIFT FOR YOU.

N-NO, NOT AT ALL, SIR!

A LITTLE CAKE TO CELEBRATE YOUR FIRST TIME ENTERING THE SPACE.

CUTE, ISN'T IT?

THANK YOU!

WELCOME TO THE COORDINATE SPACE.

WELCOME.

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YUP.

ARE THOSE THE GIRLS?

CORPORAL MAUN!

THEY DON'T EVEN HAVE A BELLY YET

WELL I SUPPOSE THAT'S NOT UNEXPECTED.

OGA'S COME DOWN WITH A FEVER SO SHE'S RESTING ON HER BED.

HM?

WHERE'S THE TROUBLE-SOME ONE?

THE ONE FIRST SENT INTO THE COORDINATE SPACE...

OH, SO SHE WAS WATCHING US...

AND MAKE SURE TO EAT THEM ALL.

IT'S FULL OF NUTRITIOUS CHROMARENS NEEDED BY YOU AND YOUR TRANSFER ORGANS.

WELL TAKE THE CAKE TO HER TOO.

WHAT THE...

CAKE! CAKE!

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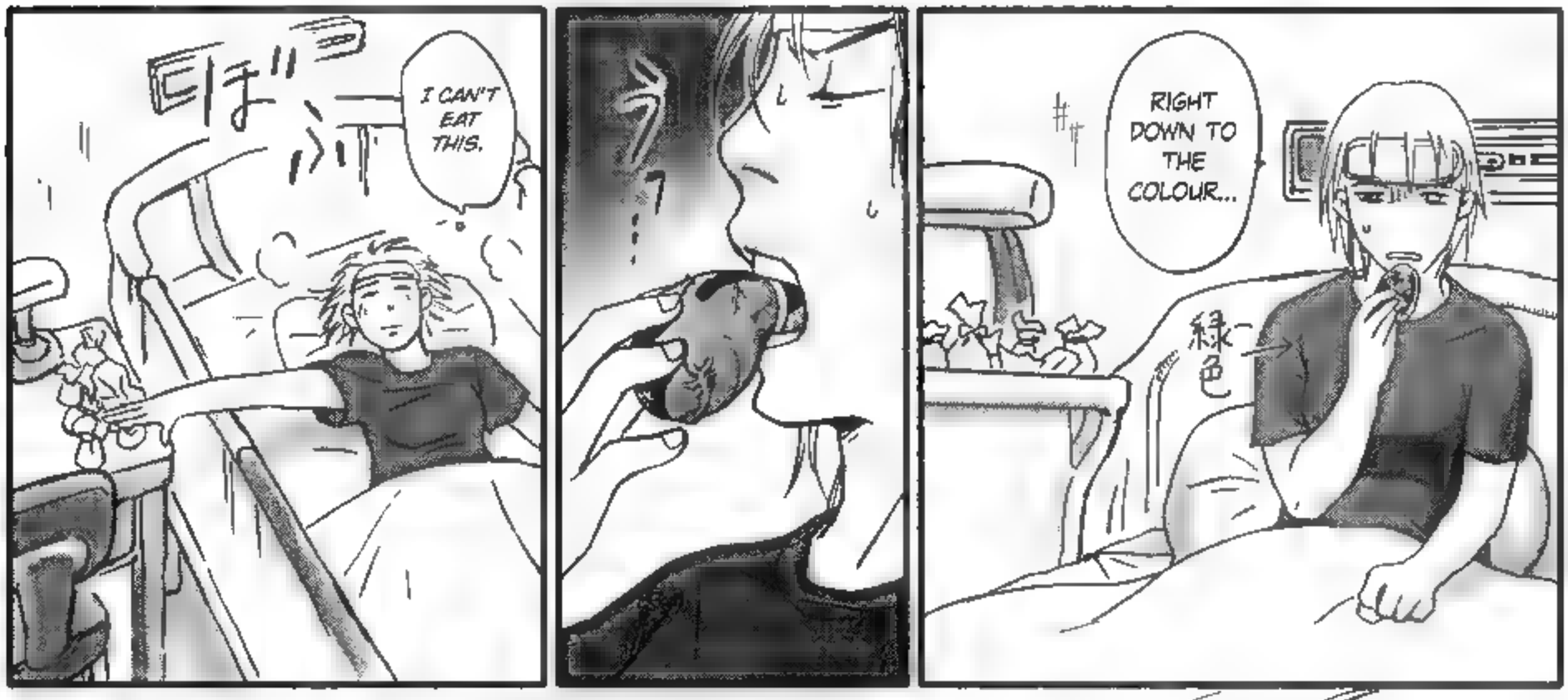
IT LOOKS JUST LIKE A TRANSFER ORGAN...



IT CAN'T FULLY FLY YET BUT IT STILL HAS THE POWER TO TAKE ME TO THAT DREADFUL SPACE.

EVEN NOW, IT'S CON-NECTING ME TO THERE...

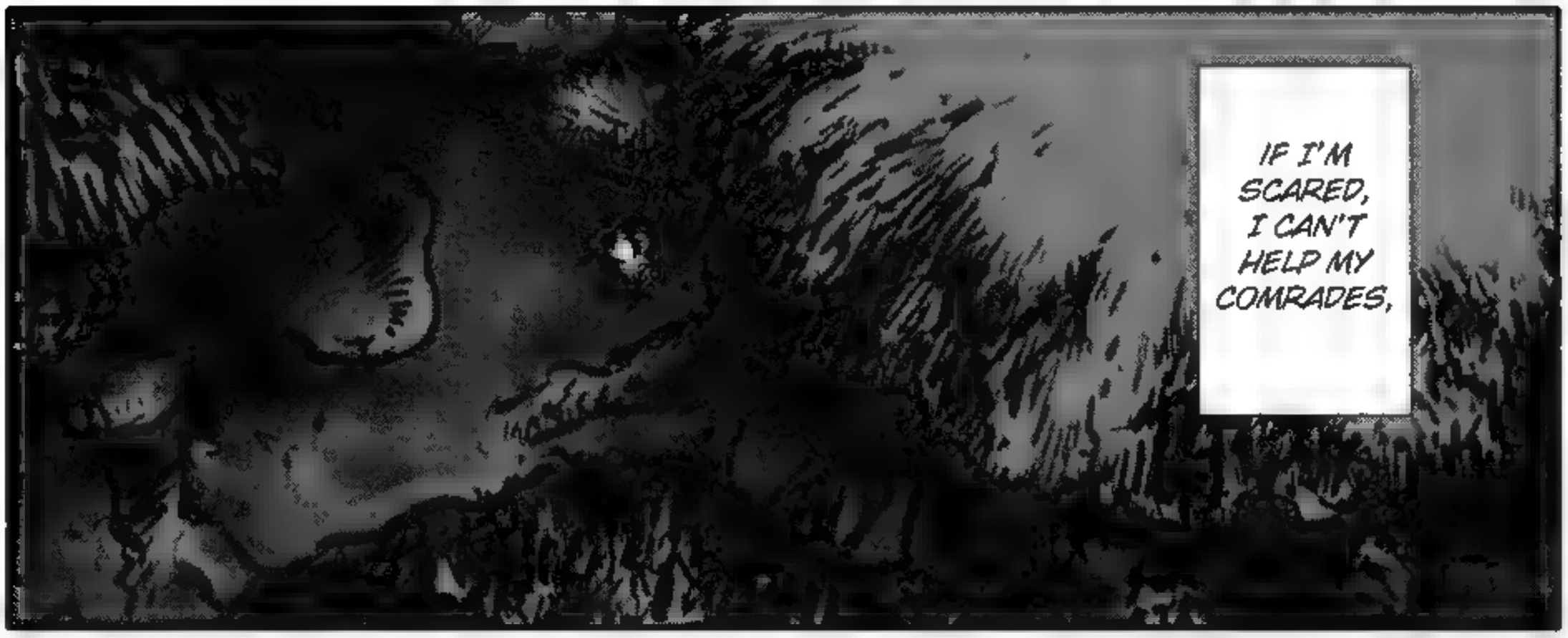
MY TRANSFER ORGAN RIGHT NOW IS ONLY AS BIG AS THE TIP OF MY PINKY,

BUT IT'S ALREADY BEGUN FUNC-TIONING.

NO!

HOW AM I GONNA DO ANYTHING IF I'M SCARED OF THE COORDINATE SPACE!?

DON'T BE SCARED!


IF I'M SCARED, I CAN'T HELP MY COMRADES,

NOR FIGHT AGAINST THE ENEMIES CLOSING IN ON US.

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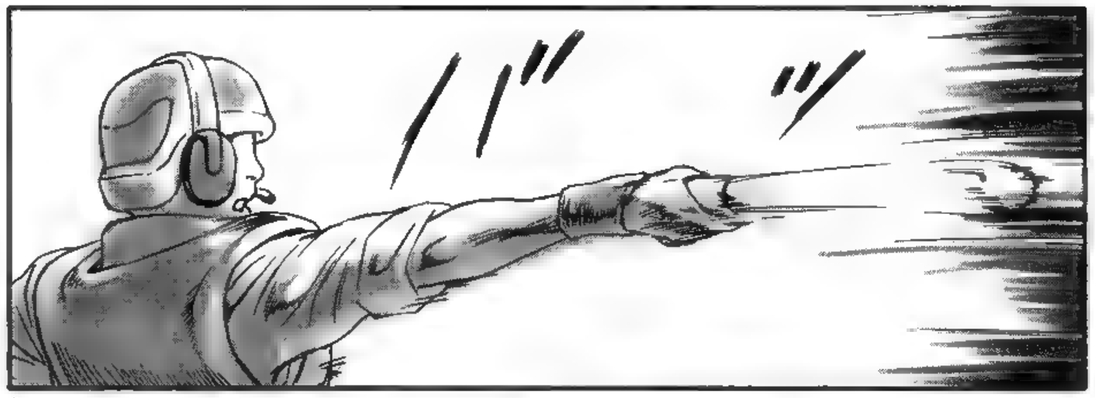

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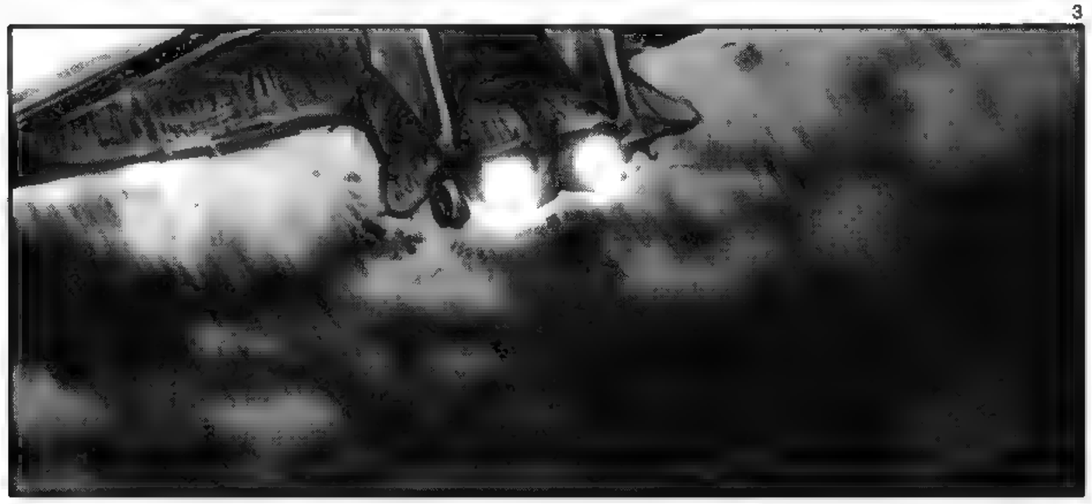

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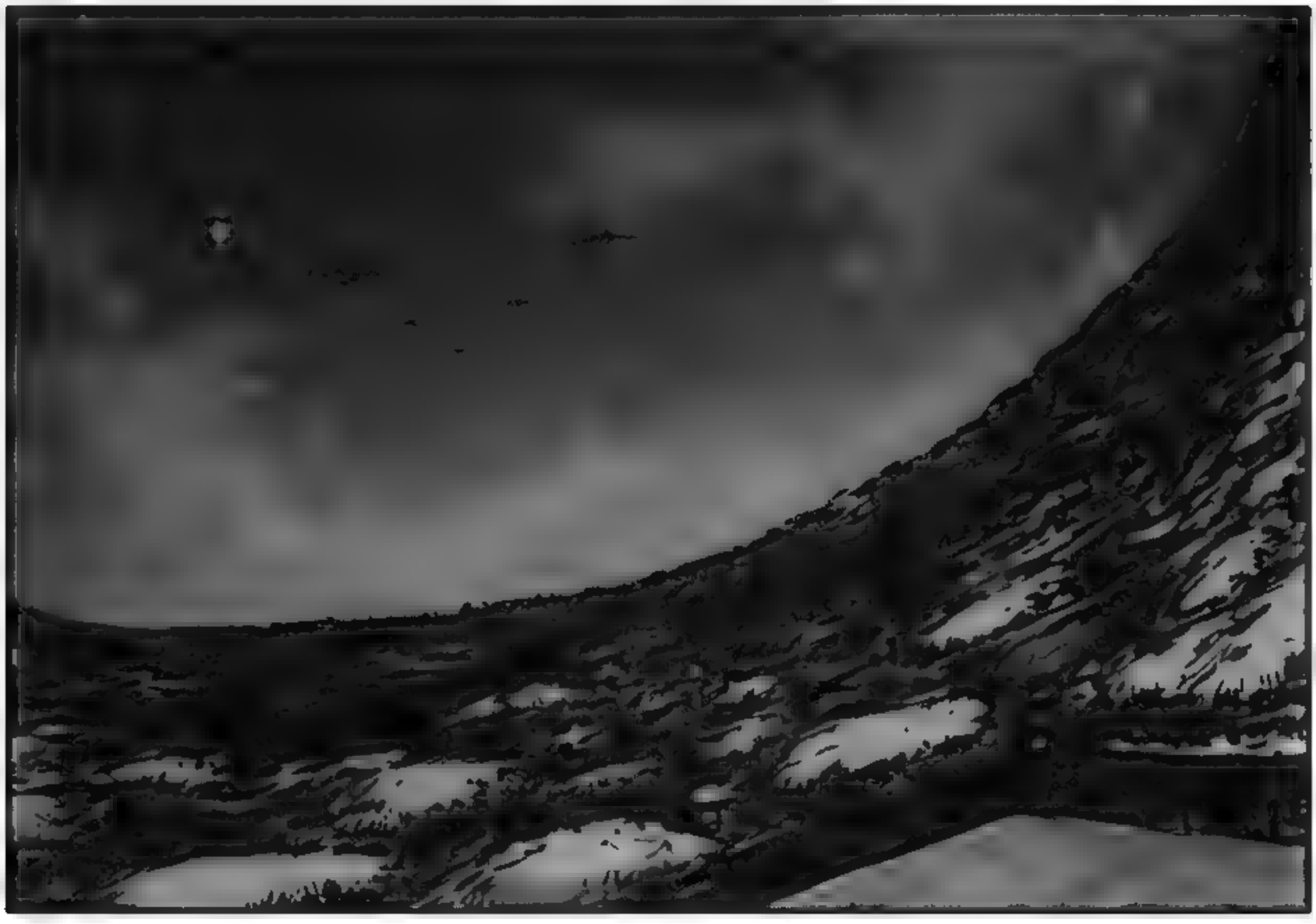

IT'S THE USUAL SERVICING.

8 HOURS UNTIL THE MOON RISES...

THE TRANSFER CORPS OR THE SPECIAL DESCENT TEAM WON'T BE OF ANY USE THEN.

10 MINUTES UNTIL ESTI-MATED CONTACT WITH ENEMY PLANE.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

CAN'T THEY AT LEAST BE PUT TO WORK ON DIGGING A NEW HOLE TO ONE OF THE ENEMIES' OUTPOST BASES?

CURRENTLY IN AIRSPACE OVER CRIMSON TERRITORY.

MAKING AN ACCESS POINT IS NOT THE SAME AS DIGGING A TUNNEL!

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WE CAN'T JUST "BUILD" A NEW ACCESS POINT ON THE FLY JUST BECAUSE THE ENEMY BUILT A NEW BASE SOMEWHERE.

MOST ACCESS POINTS ARE ONES THAT THE NIEBASS HAVE ALREADY STABILIZED FROM YEARS AND YEARS OF USAGE.

THEN MIGHT IT NOT BE WORTH IT TO RISK GOING OFF-GRID, SO TO SPEAK?

BUT IT IS A FACT THAT TRANSFER TROOPS CAN FLY TO OTHER PLACES, NOT DESIGNATED BY THE ACCESS POINTS.

SO WE'RE BASICALLY APPROPRIATING ANIMAL TRAILS.

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YOU MEAN TO RETURN TO THE DAYS OF LIVE HUMAN EXPLOSIVES?

YES, IN A WAY.

MAY I HAVE A MOMENT, LT. COLONEL SAURA?

YES, GO AHEAD.

BEEP BEEP

YES, I KNOW.

AFTER ALL, THE SPECIAL DESCENT CORPS NOW SHARES ITS LIFE AND FATE WITH THE TRANSFER CORPS.

N-NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT, LT. COLONEL!

I SIMPLY-

MORE IMPORTANTLY, I HAVE SOME GOOD NEWS.

YES?

EVEN THE SECONDS HAVE LEARNED FROM PAST EXPERIENCE NOT TO UNNECCESSARILY AGITATE THEM BY BOMBING THE VIRGIN FORESTS.

NO, THE "GIRLS" ARE CALM RIGHT NOW.

IS IT NOISY OVER IN CRIMSON TERRITORY?

WE FOUND AN OLD ACCESS POINT ABOUT 20 KM SOUTH OF AN ENEMY BASE.

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WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO USE IT.

IT'S A LITTLE UNSTABLE ON ACCOUNT OF NOT BEING USED FOR A LONG TIME,

BUT IF THE ENTRY TIMING IS RIGHT,

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LOOKING AT THE CYCLE, IT'LL TAKE AT LEAST 4 WEEKS.

FOUR WHOLE WEEKS!?

WHEN WILL THAT BE!? HOW SOON!?

CALM DOWN.

IT'S BEEN... ONLY ABOUT 20 WEEKS SINCE YOU STARTED WORKING WITH THE TRANSFER CORPS, HASN'T IT?

I UNDER-STAND YOUR IMPA-TIENCE,

WOULD YOU MIND NOT ALWAYS COUNTING TIME IN WEEKS...?

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WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO WASTE!

IN THAT TIME, THE ENEMIES WILL-

CAPTAIN.

THE RHYTHM OF THE MOON AND HEKIOU,

IS EVERYTHING.

BUT YOU MUST REALIZE THAT THE TRANSFER CORPS CANNOT CARRY OUT ITS DUTIES WITHOUT TAKING THE ORBIT OF THE MOON INTO ACCOUNT AT ALL TIMES.

TIME TO GO.

SO YOU CAN COME BACK SAFELY.

SET YOUR ALARM CLOCKS,

OH, ARE YOU AWAKE TOO, MANA?
Y... YEAH...
THE PLANES SETTING OUT WERE PRETTY NOISY, WEREN'T THEY?
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IT'S JUST A DREAM.
AFTER ALL, THERE'S NO WAY I COULD ENTER COORDINATE SPACE WITH THE NANO-MACHINE JAMMING ME.

OR ARE YOU PLANNING ON BURNING YOUR COMRADES UP TO USE AS FUEL!?

YOU'RE TOO CLOSE, MANA!

THE ONLY TIME THE JAMMING SIGNAL IS LIFTED IS DURING TRAINING...

ALWAYS BE AWARE OF THE DISTANCE BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR COMRADES!

YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE YOUR FEET DURING REAL COMBAT EITHER!

I CAN'T SEE MY FEET, SERGEANT!

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YES, SIR!

UNLESS YOU WANT TO DIE ON YOUR FIRST JUMP, RE-DO IT FROM THE START!

UNDER-STOOD!?

THE DAY OF THE DOGS IS ALMOST UPON YOU!

HAH!

BEATS ME.

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WHY DO THEY CALL THE FIRST JUMP DAY THE "DAY OF THE DOGS," ANYWAYS?

I'M HUNGRY!

THE FOG'S COMPLETELY BEEN LIFTED!

I'M FINALLY GONNA EAT!

To the "Within only-cafeteria" I go!

SO YOU'RE ALL BETTER NOW, ARE YOU, SHEDD...

OF COURSE, NOT EVERYONE MANAGED TO PULL THROUGH THE REJECTION PERIOD.

AND IN NO TIME, SHE CAUGHT UP ON TRAINING AND BECAME THE ACE IN OUR GROUP.

SHAYDINE FINALLY GOT THROUGH HER REJEC-TION PERIOD ON HER 5TH WEEK,

IVAN FROM GROUP 2 WAS EVENTUALLY FORCED TO DROP OUT,

AS HER REJECTION PERIOD SYMPTOMS CONTINUED TO WORSEN.

ONLY A LITTLE LONGER AND SHE WOULD'VE BEEN ABLE TO FLY...

I'M THANKFUL THAT I WAS LUCKY ENOUGH TO SAFELY MAKE IT TO THE DAY OF THE DOGS.

YES, SIR!

MANA OGA!

THANK YOU, SIR.

CONGRATULATIONS FOR MAKING IT TO THE DAY OF THE DOGS.

IF ONLY SHE STAYED IN HER REJECTION PERIOD..

SHH!

OUR GROUP I IS THE FIRST ONE UP!

HURRY UP AND GET CHANGED

CHECK OUT THIS SUP-PORTER!

CAN YOU IMAGINE OUR BELLIES GROWING THIS BIG?

YES, SERGEANT!

ARE YOUR SUPPORTERS ON TIGHT!?

GOOD. NOW LET ME TELL YOU,

WHY THEY CALL THIS DAY THE DAY OF THE DOGS.

IT WAS NONE OTHER THAN DOGS,

WHO ACCOMPANIED US ACROSS SPACE AS COMPANIONS.

WHEN OUR ANCESTORS FIRST DES-CENDED UPON THIS LAND,

WERE ALSO DOGS.

AND THE FIRST OF OUR ANIMALS TO SUCCESS-FULLY LIVE WILD IN THE VIRGIN FORESTS,

PRIVATE MANA OGA!

Y-YES, SERGEANT!?

IN THIS NEW LAND, THEY FORMED DISCI-PLINED PACKS,

TO BATTLE FEROCIOUS NATIVE BEASTS, HELP THEIR FELLOW MEMBERS,

AND EXPAND THEIR TERRITORY.

YOU NOTICED SOMETHING ABOUT THE VIRGIN FOREST HERE BEFORE.

THIS FOREST IS NOT PART OF THE NIEBASS' TERRITORY.

IT IS THE TRANSFER CORPS' TERRITORY.

OH, RIGHT..

THAT IT WASN'T NIEBASS-TERRITORY.

THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT.

JUST LIKE THE FERAL DOGS OF HEKIOU.

THAT WAS THE RESULT OF US FORMING DISCIPLINED PACKS,

TO HELP FELLOW MEMBERS AND BATTLE FEROCIOUS BEASTS.

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AND IT WASN'T ALWAYS LIKE THAT.

I WILL SEE IF YOU'VE GOT AS MUCH GUTS AS A PACK OF DOGS.

THAT IS WHY TODAY IS THE DAY OF THE DOGS.

AND TODAY,

CORPORAL MAUN!

SHINING BRILLIANTLY, SERGEANT.

ENGINEER SANMI! HOW'S THE MOON!?

IT'S JUST A LITTLE TRIP TO THE NORTHERN BASE. DO YOU REALLY NEED ME AT THE CONTROL SEAT?

STOP COM-PLAINING.

WILL BE THIS CHAIR.

YOUR FIRST DELIVERY,

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GROUP 1! GET INTO FORMATION B-7!

YES, SERGEANT!

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AROUND YOU.

SGT., WHEN DO WE BEGIN?

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.....

WELCOME TO THE VIRGIN FOREST OF THE NORTHERN BASE.

HOW'S IT FEEL TO FLY 500 KM?

WE ACTUALLY TRANSFERRED THIS CHAIR!

WE FLEW!?

W-WE DID IT!

.....

IT'S TIME FOR THE RETURN FLIGHT.

DON'T GET CARRIED AWAY.

YES, WE DID-

COLLARS?

FOR THE RETURN TRIP, I'LL BE REMOVING THE COLLARS FOR YOU DOGS.

MISTER BOMB...?

RIGHT, JUST LEAVE IT THERE LIKE USUAL.

HERE'S MISTER BOMB.

GOOD WORK, SGT. ARMEA.

ON THE RETURN FLIGHT, YOU'LL BE SETTING THE LOCATION YOURSELVES. JUST LIKE YOU PRACTICED DURING TRAINING.

WHA?

WHAT HAPPENED JUST NOW WAS ME SHUTTING DOWN YOUR PERCEPTION OF THE COORDINATE SPACE,

TO SIMPLY USE YOU AS TOOLS, LIKE VESSELS CONTAINING ENERGY.

NOW GO AHEAD!

THIS IS THE REAL TEST.

HEY!

ALWAYS MAINTAIN THE PROPER DISTANCE BETWEEN OTHERS.

NEVER LOSE SIGHT OF THE SERGEANT.

KYAA!

DON'T DRIFT APART NOW. THIS IS SCARY...

I'M NOT!

WHY'RE YOU GETTING SO CLOSE TO ME?

WE'RE GONNA CRASH...

AGHH-

HMPH, PACK OF PUPPIES...

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TAKE A GOOD LOOK.
WHETHER PEOPLE OR TANKS, YOUR CARGO WILL BE TORN APART.
THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU PANIC AND JUMBLE YOUR FORMATION.
BUT EVEN SO...
YOU'RE STILL NOTHING MORE THAN A PACK OF PUPS AT YOUR CURRENT STAGE.

EVEN SO,

WE MUST SEND YOU OUT TO THE BATTLE-FIELDS.

HOWEVER, YOU NOW HAVE STRENGTH.

YOU ARE NOT POWERLESS LITTLE GIRLS.

AND YOU MAY ENCOUNTER HELL ITSELF IN THOSE FIELDS OF BATTLE.

AS LONG AS YOU FOLLOW YOUR SUPERI-ORS' ORDERS,

AND NEVER FAIL TO HELP COMRADES IN NEED,

MAY LADY LUCK BE WITH YOU NOW.

THERE IS NO HELL YOU CANNOT OVERCOME.

YES, LT. COLONEL!

CHAPTER 8 SORTIE [8 WEEKS]

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WATCH YOUR FEET.

YES, CHIEF.

DID YOU SPOT SOME-THING?

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NECTAR BAT BONES.

WHAT IS IT?

NO, I'M FROM THE ISLANDS SO...

TOO BAD.

EVER SUCK ON A GRILLED BAT LEG BEFORE?

THE NIEBASS WOULD AGREE TOO.

THEY MAY NOT LOOK LIKE IT, BUT THEY TASTE QUITE GOOD.

IT SEEMS THIS ENTRY POINT WAS USED BY THE NIEBASS AS A FEEDING GROUND.

BUT THAT'S LONG IN THE PAST.

THE CAVES HAVE ALL BEEN DESTROYED...

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THE BATS HAVE LONG MOVED THEIR NESTS..

AFTER SCOURING THE COORDINATE SPACE,

THIS IS ALL THE INFO WE COULD MANAGE TO DIG UP...

IT'S BEEN A LONG WHILE SINCE THE NIEBASS ABANDONED THIS ACCESS POINT,

SO THE AREA'S MEMORIES HAVE GROWN TOO FAINT.

STILL, WE FOUND OUT ENOUGH, DIDN'T WE, CHIEF?

WE NOW KNOW WHY THIS ACCESS POINT APPEARS MAINLY AROUND THIS TIME.

WE SHOULD LEAVE NOW,

WHILE THE MOON IS STILL UP, CHIEF.

WAIT.

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A BIT OF MOON-LIGHT,

IS SHINING THROUGH THE ACCESS POINT.

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THIS FIRST.

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CRUNCH

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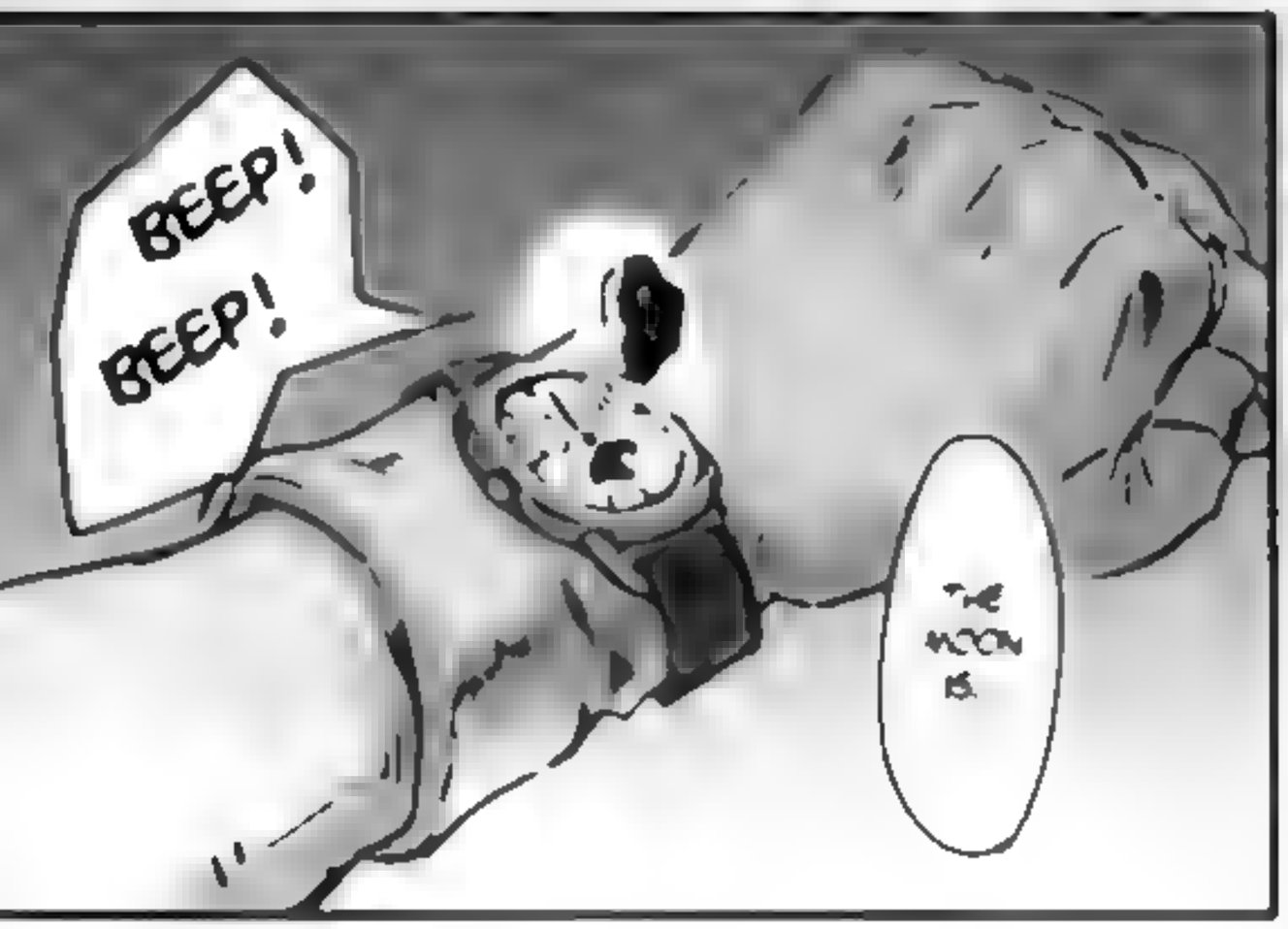
THE PLACE MUST BE PART OF THE SECONDS' PATROL ROUTE.


BEEP!
BEEP!
THE MOON IS.

DO YOU THINK IT'S A REGULAR PATROL?
HMM. BEATS ME.
IT'D BE NICE IF WE HAD MORE TIME TO INVESTI-GATE FURTHER.

THE MOON WILL BE UP IN THIS ZONE FOR ONLY A LITTLE LONGER..

IF WE MISS THAT CHANCE...

NEST M-11
MARTH VALLEY

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STRAIGHT UP OUTTA THIS WORLD!

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A SAILOR'S RIDE IS THE BEST!

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HURRY UP, THE CARGO'S ALMOST HERE!

MHMM!

MHMM!

BUT A KARA RIDE IS ALSO GREAT!

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CAN'T DECIDE WHICH ONE TO TAKE!

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UH HUH!

UH HUH!

TIME FOR SOME FRESH FOOD!

HEAD IN THE FOREST, FEET IN THE SEAS!

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LET'S HAUL IT IN, BOYS!

WHOO BOY, THIS IS QUITE A LOAD.

SHWOOM!

FINE, FINE. .

THAT'S AGAINST PROCEDURES! I WON'T HAND OVER A SINGLE UNIT UNTIL YOU DO A CHECK FIRST!

WE'LL DO THAT LATER.

HOLD ON A MOMENT! YOU HAVE TO CHECK THE DELIVERY BEFORE MOVING THEM INSIDE!

SHEDD...

DO YOU SMELL SOMETHING WEIRD AS WELL?

HEY, WATCH OUT! MOVE OUTTA THE WAY!

SMELLS LIKE SOME-THING BURNING ...

WELL, NESTS DON'T EXACTLY SMELL LIKE A BED OF ROSES.

WHOLE PLACE REEKS OF MAN SWEAT.

NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT.

S-

SORRY!

WELL, AREN'T YOU A CUTE ONE.

HOW 'BOUT TAKING ME ON A RIDE SOMETIME?

Ha Ha Ha

BUT IF YOU'RE STILL WILLING, I'LL BE GLAD TO GIVE YOU A RIDE.

WHAT!?

T-THANKS BUT NO THANKS...

I... I'M ALWAYS SCOLDED BY MY INSTRUCTOR THOUGH.

I'VE GONE THROUGH SO MANY DUMMY MR. BOMBS DURING TRAINING THAT I'VE LOST COUNT.

OUR RETURN FLIGHT WILL BE 30 MINUTES LATER THAN SCHEDULED!

UNDER-STOOD, LANCE CORPORAL.

ANOTHER SQUAD IS GOING TO BE USING THE TRANSFER CHAMBER.

UNDER-STOOD...

MAY LUCK BE WITH YOU.

...HOW MUCH LONGER DO WE HAVE TO DO THIS UNTIL WE GET SOME REAL ACTION?

I'M SICK OF HAULING CONTAINERS.

ALRIGHT, WE'VE FINISHED CHECKING.

SHEDD! LOGISTICS ARE KEY TO ANY WAR EFFORT. DON'T LOOK DOWN ON IT

YOU CALL YOURSELF A SOLDIER!?

I DON'T MIND ONE BIT.

IT'D BE NICE IF THIS IS ALL I HAVE TO DO ON MY TOUR OF DUTY.

BROTHER...

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CAN YOU ASK THE PROVISIONS DEPARTMENT,

IF THEY COULD GIVE US ONE MORE BOX OF WINE NEXT TIME?

BRING IT IN BOYS!

YES, I'LL PASS ON THE REQUEST.

WE WISH FOR YOUR SAFETY UNTIL THE NEXT SUPPLY DATE!

IT'S BEEN 2 WEEKS SINCE US NEW TRANSFER SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN WORKING TO MAINTAIN THE SUPPLY TRAIN BETWEEN NESTS AND BASES.

SO WE'RE SIMPLY SENT FLYING WITHOUT EVEN HAVING TO VISUALIZE THE COORDINATE SPACE FOR OURSELVES.

FOR THIS DUTY, A "DRIVER" LOCKS DOWN OUR TARGET DESTINATION,

BUT EVEN SO...

THUS, WE'RE SIMPLY REFERRED TO AS "TANKERS."

MERE "FUEL TANKS" WHICH DON'T EVEN NEED TO KNOW OUR DESTINATIONS AND ARE VALUED ONLY FOR OUR ABILITY TO POWER THE FLIGHTS.

WE'RE HERE, MAMA.

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WHENEVER I FLY, I CAN FAINTLY SMELL SOMETHING.

YOU SMELL IT TOO?!

SNIFF

UGH, IT REEKS HERE...

THE OTHER GIRLS TELL ME IT'S ALL IN MY HEAD THOUGH.

WHOA-

BLOOD...

THE ENTRANCE ISN'T CLEANED UP YET.

DON'T GO OUT YET.

...YES, SIR.

Here..?

BUT IN ANY CASE, WE'LL BE WAITING HERE FOR SOME TIME.

ANYONE WHO'S TIRED HAS PERMIS-SION TO LIE DOWN.

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THUS, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO CARRY OUT THIS PLAN AS MY UNIT IS RIGHT NOW.

I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH DEFENSES NOR TANKERS.

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THE BOMBER THAT FLEW OVER OUR OUTPOST BASE,

BROKE PAST OUR DEFENSIVE LINES AND SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED OUT AN AERIAL STRIKE ON THE CITY OF BASE

THE ENEMY SENDING US A THREAT,

THAT THEY HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO STRIKE ANY PLACE IN OUR ENTIRE COUNTRY.

THIS WAS, UNDOUBTEDLY,

IF YOU CAN'T GIVE US REPLACE-MENT SOLDIERS,

THEN MAYBE WE SHOULD CHOOSE WHICH SOLDIERS TO FILL THE GAP.

THE AAT OPERATION WILL PROCEED NO MATTER WHAT!

...NO!

I KNOW BEST WHO THE MOST SUITABLE CANDIDATES ARE.

I'LL BE THE ONE TO CHOOSE.

WELL, SGT. ARMEA?

TO SEE IF SHE CAN SPARE A DRIVER FROM HER UNIT.

I'LL ASK ROGE,

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I COULD HELP LIFT THE HEAVY BURDEN PLACED ON YOUR SHOULDERS.

IF ONLY I COULD FLY LIKE BACK THEN,

MILDA,

E-EXCUSE ME FOR DOZING OFF!

DON'T WORRY, IT'S FINE. YOU SHOULD GET SOME REST.

IF ONLY I COULD FLY WITH YOU...

...YES, BUT-

IF THERE'S EVEN THE SLIGHTEST CHANCE, THAT THEY'RE NOT SUFFI-CIENTLY TRAINED FOR THE TASK...

SERGEANT... JUST PICK WHOMEVER YOUR GUT TELLS YOU TO.

DEEP DOWN, YOU'VE ALREADY DECIDED, HAVEN'T YOU...?

I STILL HAVEN'T PICKED THE TANKERS THOUGH.

BUT SOMEHOW, I STILL CARRIED OUT MY DUTIES.

AND I LET YOU DO SO TOO.

I HAD NO FORMAL TRAINING NOR SUPPORT.

YOU KNOW...

?

I WAS A TERRIBLE WRECK.

GIVE THEM THE CHANCE TO CHOOSE.

THEN GIVE YOUR GIRLS THE SAME THING.

I CHOSE THIS FATE FOR MYSELF!

PLEASE STOP, LT. COLONEL!

IT COULD BE EVEN SAID IT'S SUITABLE FOR NEW SOLDIERS.

THE AAT ISN'T A DIFFICULT OPERATION.

IN SHORT, THE TYPE OF MISSIONS WHERE YOU LURK DEEP IN ENEMY TERRITORY.

THE MOST DANGEROUS ASSIGN-MENTS FOR US WOULD BE SPY MISSIONS,

AND RESCUE OPERATIONS.

AAT DOES NOT INVOLVE REMAINING DEEP IN ENEMY TERRITORY FOR A LONG TIME.

YOU'LL SIMPLY BE JUMPING OVER FROM ENEMY BASE TO ENEMY BASE.

YOU'LL RETURN TO BASE WITHIN 60 SECONDS.

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I'VE BEEN DYING FOR A CHANCE LIKE THIS!

VERY WELL.

IF YOU DON'T WISH TO PARTICIPATE, SAY SO NOW.

I SIMPLY JUDGED YOU AS COMPARATIVELY MORE QUALIFIED THAN OTHER CANDIDATES BUT REPLACEMENTS CAN ALWAYS BE FOUND.

I...

AND YOU, MANA OGA?

I'LL DO IT, SIR!

AM I REALLY FINE AS I AM NOW...?

SAME QUESTION HERE.

I'LL DO IT.

BUT...

THIS MISSION DOESN'T REQUIRE ANY SPECIAL SET OF SKILLS.

WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT IS WHETHER YOUR TRANSFER ORGANS ARE STABLE OR NOT.

ACCORDING TO THE DOCTOR'S REPORT,

YES, QUITE.

SO MY... THING IS STABLE?

WELL, SINCE YOU DO GET INCREASED PENSION IF YOU PARTICIPATE IN IMPORTANT MISSIONS,

I GUESS THERE'S NO REASON FOR ME TO REFUSE.

IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE CONFIDENCE, JUST SAY IT

IT'S NOT ABOUT THAT...

JUST LIKE YOUR TEST ON THE DAY OF THE DOGS,

YOU'LL PRACTICE TRANS-PORTING TOGETHER,

FOR NOW, YOU SHOULD TRAIN YOUR CONCENTRA-TION.

SHUT UP, NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.

WHAT'S WITH THAT ATTITUDE!?

QUIET, SHEDD.

MISTER BOMB.

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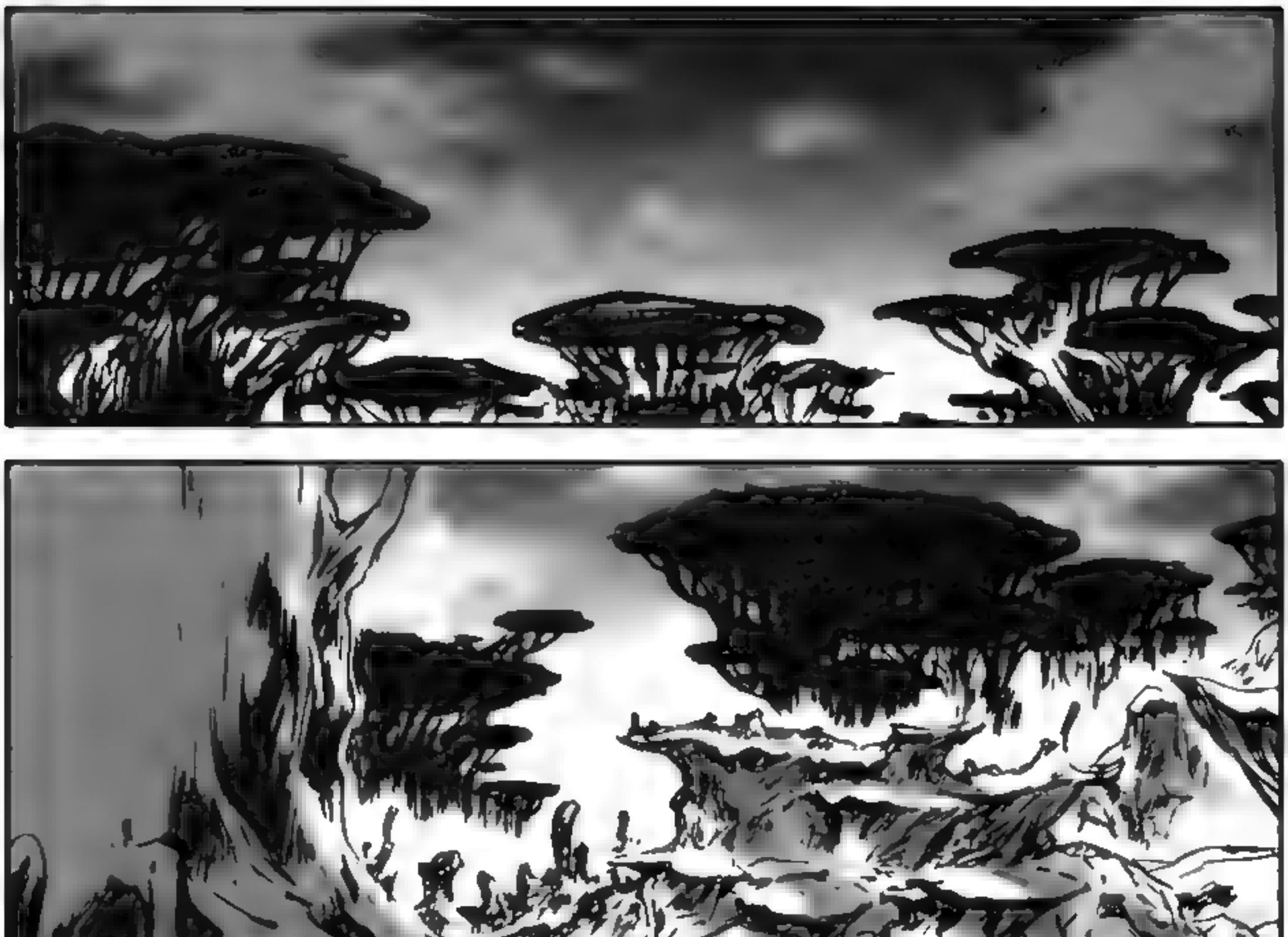

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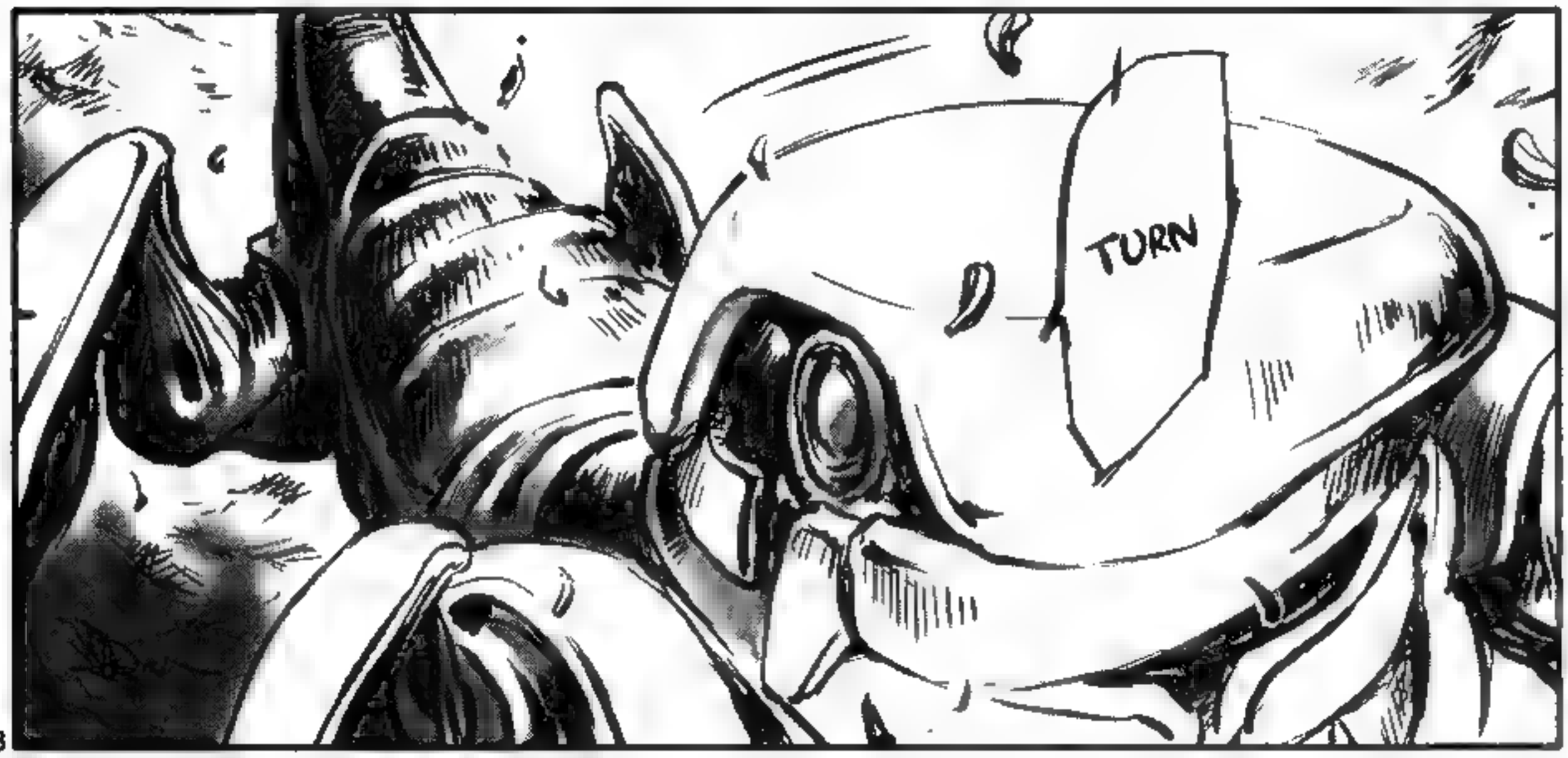

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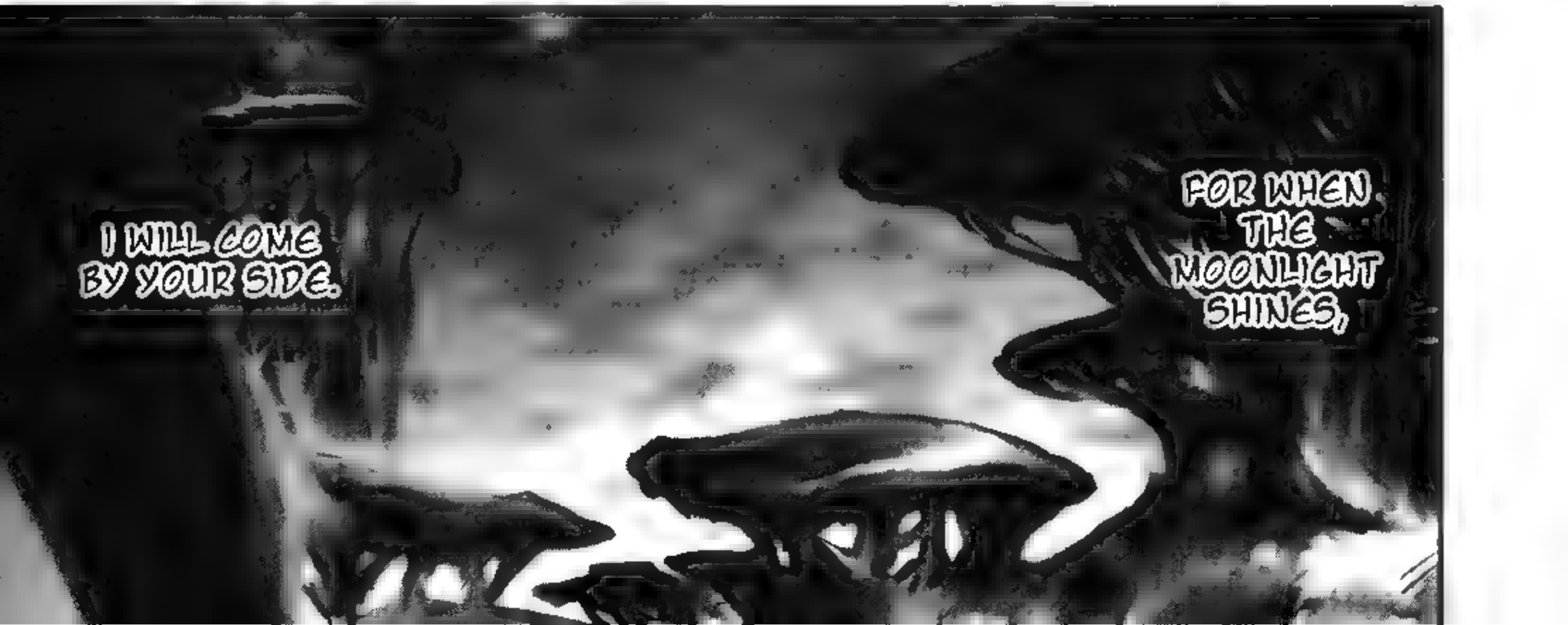
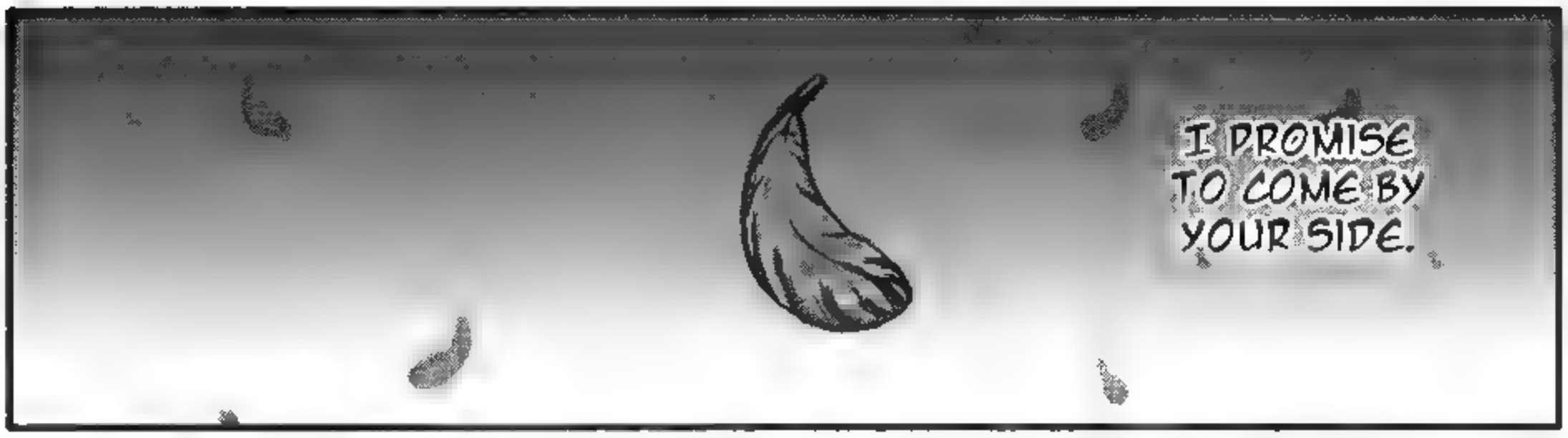
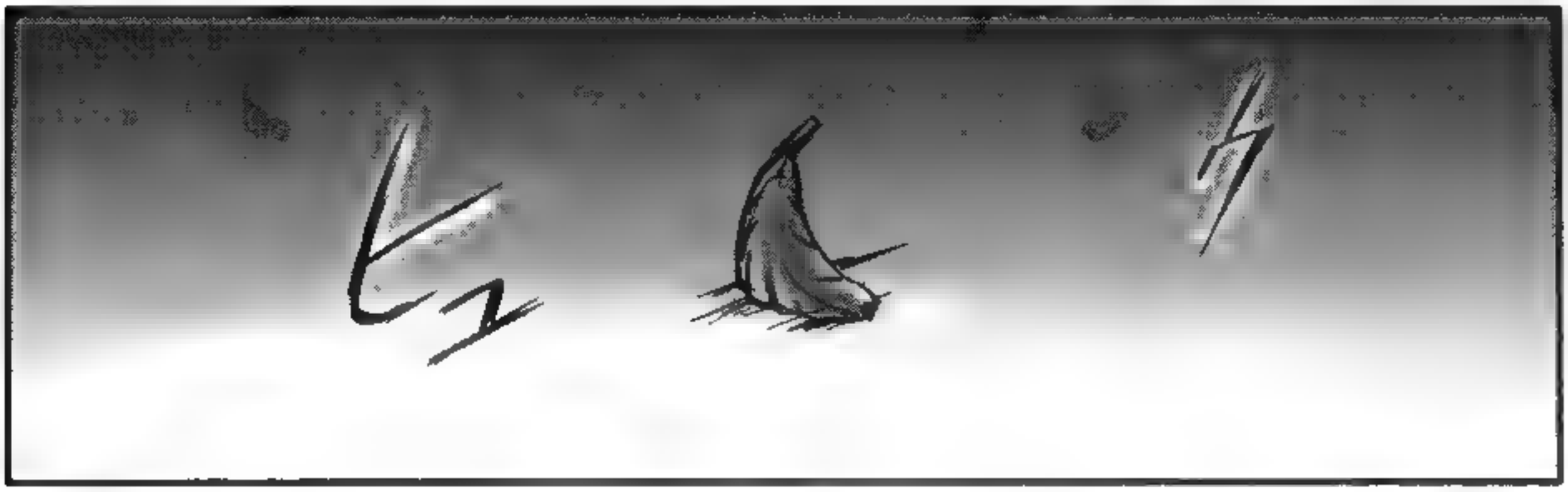

I WILL COME BY YOUR SIDE.
FOR WHEN THE MOONLIGHT SHINES,





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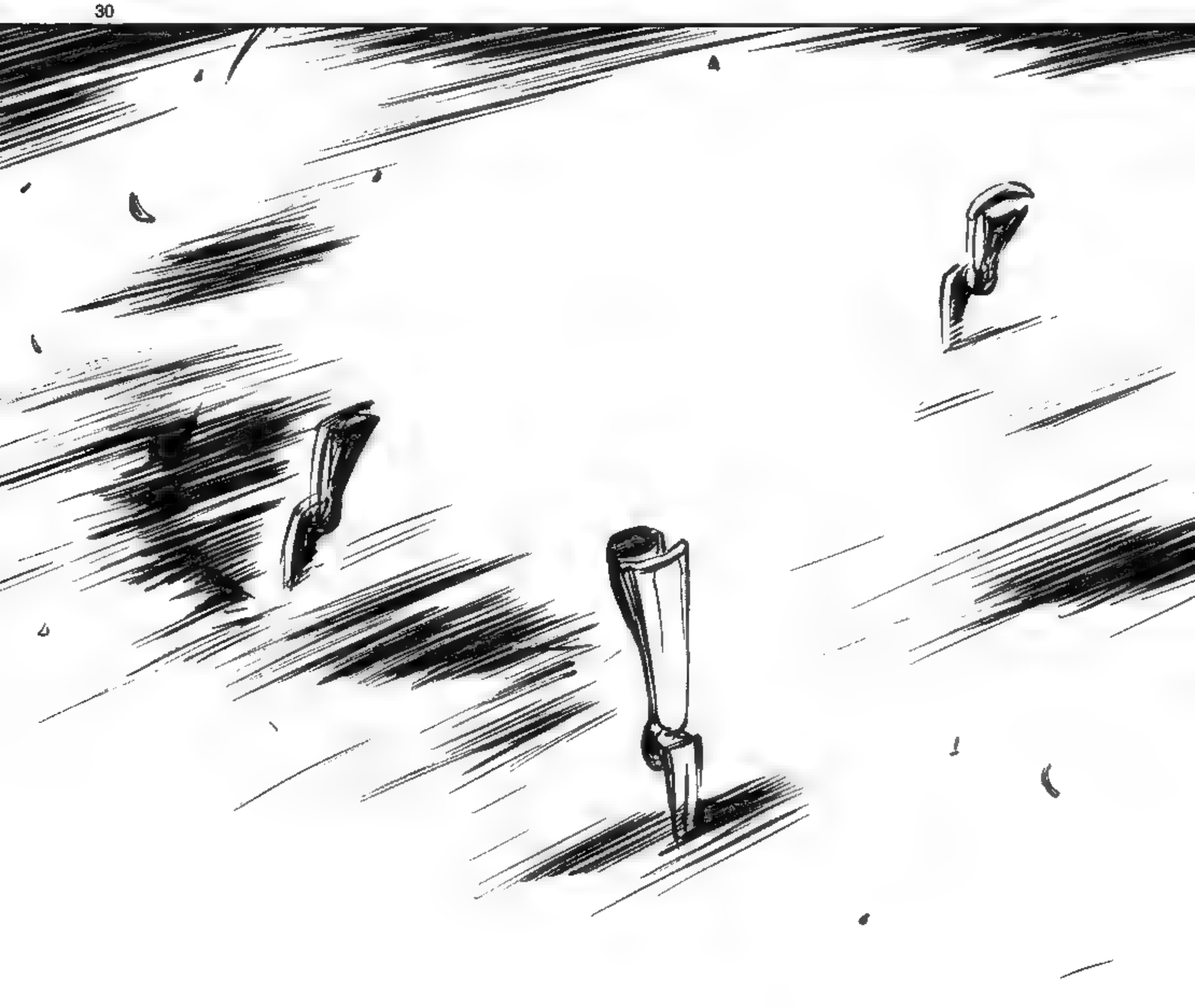

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